

Annual Reports
2020



Town of
Freedom, New Hampshire

For the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2020
Vital Statistics for 2020

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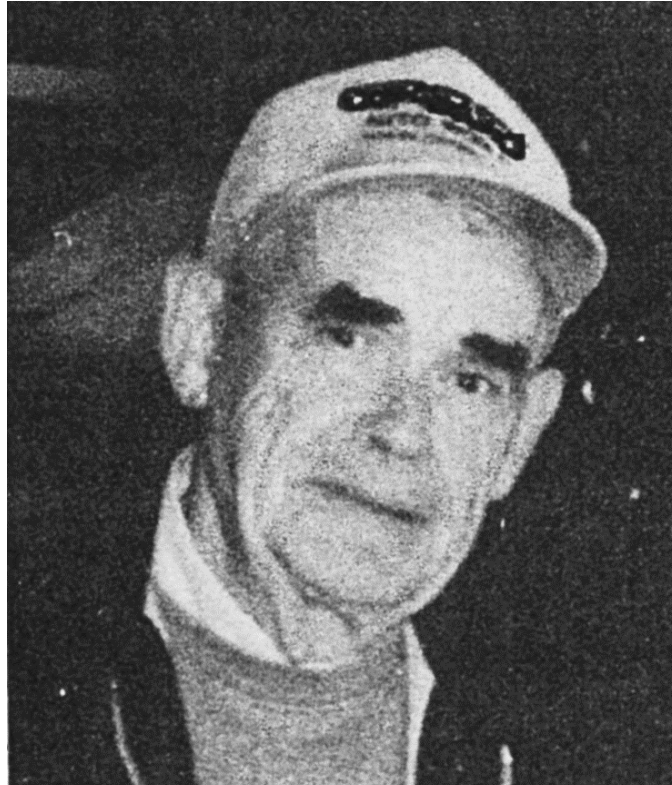
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In Memory
Of
Ernest F. Day, Sr.



It is with great sadness and honor that we memorialize Ernie Day, Sr.

Although the records show Ernie served as Town Treasurer, Auditor and Financial Consultant, his legacy continues through the financial procedures and reports still used by the Town.

Personally, I was privileged to have Ernie as a friend and resource. As a new Selectman at 37 years old with tons of ideas, Ernie was there to explain municipal accounting, answer a multitude of calls and questions, and help formulate a financial plan which has allowed the town to maintain a stable and conservative tax rate while providing the necessary equipment and personnel to serve the residents and taxpayers.

Rest in peace, my friend.

Respectfully,

Les Babb

DEDICATION



William “Bill” Elliott

It is with great pride that we dedicate this year’s Town Report to William “Bill” Elliott.

Bill exemplifies the definition of an active member of the community. As one of the most consistent public attendees of the weekly Selectmen’s Meetings, Bill can also be found attending most Town functions and community events.

His civic responsibilities over the years consist of past membership on the Conservation Commission and present membership on the Aquatic Invasive Species Committee and Planning Board.

He has also volunteered countless hours of his time completing various maintenance jobs and projects and is responsible for the implementation of the new “Welcome to Freedom” signs and has kept them in the beautifully maintained condition they are found in today.

In his free time, he can be found volunteering at the Library and Food Pantry and giving a hand to anyone in need. Thank you, Bill, for all you do for the residents and Town of Freedom!

DEDICATION



Doris Sirois

It is with great pleasure that we also dedicate this year's Town Report to Doris Sirois. Doris has been devoted to fulfilling the needs of those in Freedom and surrounding communities for over 14-years.

Doris has served in the capacity of Director of the Freedom Food Pantry located at the First Christian Church of Freedom for 11-years. It was not until the need to move into technological times presented itself in 2015, that a Co-Director position came into play to assist Doris with required computerized applications and reporting.

Hardworking. Dedicated. Adaptable. Passionate. Devoted. Committed. Industrious. All of these words define Doris. As times change and the needs of the people evolve, Doris is working behind the scenes making it all come together. Campaigning for donations and town funding support, applying for State and Federal assistance, she has the best interest of those in need at heart and we are grateful to have her as resident of Freedom.

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TOWN OFFICERS & BOARD MEMBERS

Selectmen

Leslie Babb, 2023
Ernest Day Jr, 2022
Alan Fall, 2021

Town Administrator

Ellen White

Administrative Assistant

Janice Zecher

Road Agent

Scott Brooks, 2022

Police Chief

Josh Shackford

Fire Chief

Rob Cunio

Forest Fire Warden

Rob Cunio
Justin Brooks, Deputy Fire Warden

Emergency Management Director

Kevin Wells, resigned

Safety Officer

Kelly McClare

Animal Control

Josh Shackford

Health Officer

Frank Evitts

Moderator

Donald G. Johnson, 2023

Town Clerk

A. Elizabeth Priebe, 2022

Treasurer

Jayne Britton, 2022

Tax Collector

Annette Babb, 2023

Supervisors of the Checklist

Daniel Brooks, (C) 2022
Patricia McCoy, 2023
Carol Stansell, 2024

Cemetery Trustees

Dorothy Brooks, 2021
Alan Fall, 2020
Janice Zecher, 2022, resigned

Trustee of Trust Funds

Anne Cunningham, 2022
Paul Olzerowicz, 2023
Patricia McCoy, 2021

Transfer Station Manager

Justin Brooks

Town Buildings Custodian

Mark McKinley

Zoning Officer

Don Harris, resigned
Eric Whitehouse

Building Inspector

Dave Senecal

Conservation Commission

3-year term

Paul Elie, 2023 (C)
Alice Custard, 2023
Matt Tyler, 2022
Justin Brooks, 2022
David Straw, 2021
Frank Lalumiere, 2021
Susan Hoople, Alt 2023

Town Forest Advisory Committee

1-year term

John Roman, 2021 (C)
Janet Meyers, 2021
Ron Newbury, 2022
David Charrette, 2021
Kevin Connerton, Alt 2021
Ernie Day, Sel. Rep.
Jeffrey Towle, PB Rep
David Straw, FCC Rep

Planning Board

3-year term

Anne Cunningham, 2022 (C)
William Elliott, 2023
Paul Elie, 2021
Jeffrey Towle, 2021
Paul Olzerowicz, 2023
Pam Keith, Alt 2022
Les Babb, Sel. Rep.

Freedom Aquatic Invasive Species Committee

1-year term

Ned Kucera, 2021 (C)
Jim McElroy, 2021
Bruce Howlett, 2021
Gerard Constantino, 2022
Bill Elliott, 2022

Library Trustees

Chuck Brooks, 2022 (C)
Paul Mathieu, 2023
M. Jayne Britton, 2021
Maureen Elliott, 2021
Ann Pierce, 2021

Heritage Commission

3-year term

Peg Scully, 2021 (C)
Raymond Dahlstrom, 2021
Bonnie Burroughs, 2021
Janice Zecher, 2021
Scott Cunningham, 2021
William Carney, 2022
Gale Morris, Alt 2022
Susan Hoople, Alt 2022
Karrie Buttrick, Alt 2022
Mark McKinley, Alt 2022
Alan Fall, Sel. Rep.

Zoning Board of Adjustment

1-year term

Scott Lees, 2021 (C)
Craig Niiler, 2021
Karl Ogren, 2022
Jacob Stephan, 2022
John Krebs, 2021
Dennis Anderson, Alt 2022
John Quigley, Alt 2021
Timothy Cupka, Alt 2021

Town Office Advisory Committee

Anne Cunningham (C)
Mark McKinley
Dennis Anderson
Karrie Buttrick
Alan Fall, Sel. Rep.

(C) - Chair

TOWN OF FREEDOM, N.H.

TOWN MEETING + ELECTION OF OFFICERS: TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2020

2020 TOWN WARRANT – MINUTES [ABRIDGED]

The polls were opened at 9am and closed at 7 pm on Tuesday, March 12, 2020, downstairs at the Town Hall. The deliberative portion of Town Meeting opened at approximately 9:05 a.m. upstairs at the Town Hall, also on March 12, 2020, and adjourned at 12:28 p.m.

The Moderator, Don Johnson, opened the meeting by welcoming those present and introducing himself as well as the other officials present: Libby Priebe, Town Clerk, the elected Board of Selectmen: Ernest Day, Jr., Alan Fall and Les Babb, Chairman; Town Counsel, John Ratigan, and town administrator, Ellen White. It was noted that Pat McCoy, an elected Supervisor of the Checklist, was being assisted by Peg Scully, an appointed assistant, at the entrance to the meeting room, and that Chuck Brooks and Beth Earle were also present to assist the Moderator as needed. Mr. Johnson noted that the polls had been opened downstairs and that other officials were covering the downstairs.

For these minutes, those downstairs were: Daniel (Bud) Brooks, Chairman of the Supervisors of the Checklist and Supervisor Carol Stansell, both elected to the Board. Rochelle Brooks and Anne Babb, appointed Ballot Clerks; Janet Johnson, designated as Assistant Moderator to assist with the Ballot Box; and Lindsay Thibodeau-Pettengill, acting Deputy Town Clerk for town meeting day.

Mr. Johnson explained the Rules of Procedure, noting they are published on Page 3 of this year's Town Report, and also explained the use of the Voting Cards, to be displayed while voting and used as a visual aid for counting purposes.

Mr. Johnson noted that at the Annual School District Meeting, held the night before on Monday, March 11, 2020, the total sum of \$4,184,531.91 had been raised and appropriated.

Mr. Johnson, noting that the Selectmen wanted to address the dedications in this year's Town Report prior to the start of Town Meeting, turned the meeting over to the Selectmen:

Alan Fall – This year's Town Report is in Memory of Albert Godfrey, a native son, being a fifth-generation member of the Godfrey family. Albert held many positions in town, including Selectman, Tax Collector, Supervisor of the Checklist, Superintendent and Director of the Lakeview Cemetery Association, was a Korean War Vet and a past Master of the Masons, and had volunteered countless hours to maintain the outlying burial grounds (there are five of them). Alan said he will be sorely missed.

Les Babb – This year’s Town Report is dedicated to Karen Hatch, who put in thirty years for the town. Les said he had worked with her for twenty, noting Karen absolutely loved the Town and thanked her for her years of service.

Ernest Day, Jr. – This year’s Town Report is also dedicated to Mark McKinley. Ernie thanked Mark for his remarkable service to the town on a daily basis, on behalf of the Board of Selectmen and everyone present in the room. Mark received a round of applause.

Mr. Johnson requested a moment of silence for remembrance of those no longer in attendance and in memory of Albert Godfrey, then lead the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mr. Johnson then commenced the meeting itself with the reading of the Warrant:

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Freedom in the County of Carroll in said state, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified that the Annual Town Meeting of the Town of Freedom will be held at the Freedom Town Hall on Tuesday the 10th day of March, 2020 at 9:00 o’clock in the forenoon to act upon the following subjects.

There will be voting by Official Ballot for the election of Town Officers and for adoption of Zoning Amendments. The polls open at 9:00 am and close at 7:00 pm unless there is a vote to keep the polls open to a later hour. The ballots will be counted after the polls close at 7:00 pm.

All other articles will be presented, discussed and acted upon beginning at 9:00 am at the Freedom Town Hall.

Article 1: (To vote by Official Ballot)

To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.

FOR THE PURPOSES OF THESE MINUTES the election results are included herein – in Warrant order.

[PLEASE NOTE: 259 ballots were cast during this election; 1241 voters were on the checklist at the beginning of the day, with one new voter registering at the election, making a total of 1242 registered voters at the end of the day – for a total of 20% +/- voter turn-out. A write-in candidate must have a received a minimum of five (5) votes to be included or have been declared the winner with less than five (5) votes:]

Article 1: (To vote by Official Ballot):

To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.

TOWN OFFICERS:

Selectman, Three Years (vote for one):	Leslie R. Babb	154
	Melissa M. Florio Nicoll	102

Leslie R. Babb was declared the winner.

Moderator, Two Years (vote for one): Donald G. Johnson 235
Donald G. Johnson was declared the winner.

Tax Collector, Three Years (vote for one): Annette M. Babb 221
Annette M. Babb was declared the winner.

Supervisor of the Checklist, Six Years (vote for one):
Sue A. Brown 105
Patricia E. McCoy 128
Patricia E. McCoy was declared the winner

Trustee of the Trust Funds, Three Years (vote for one):
Paul J. Olzerowicz 217
Paul J. Olzerowicz was declared the winner.

Cemetery Trustee, Three Years (vote for one):
Alan G. Fall 224
Alan G. Fall was declared the winner.

Planning Board Members, Three Years (vote for two):
William E. Elliott, Jr. 214
Paul J. Olzerowicz 202
William E. Elliott, Jr. and Paul J. Olzerowicz were declared the winners.

Library Trustee, Three Years (vote for one): Paul N. Mathieu 227
Paul N. Mathieu was declared the winner.

SCHOOL OFFICERS:

School District Moderator, One Year (vote for one):
Donald G. Johnson 234
Donald G. Johnson was declared the winner.

School Board Member, Three Years (vote for two):
Gail P. Bizer 215
James L. Yeager, Jr. 188
Gail P. Bizer and James L. Yeager, Jr., were declared the winners.

School District Auditor, One Year (vote for one):
Write-In: Scott Cunningham 10
Scott Cunningham was declared the winner.

School District Clerk, One Year (vote for one):
Write-In: Kim Reiss 14
Kim Reiss was declared the winner

Article 2: (To vote by Official Ballot)

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the planning board for the town zoning ordinance as follows: Delete section 1505—Conditions of Approval in the Home Occupation article that says the special exceptions are issued to specific applicants. Under NH law, special exceptions, variances and other zoning relief granted by the ZBA is applied to the property, does transfer to successive property owners and is not personal to the original landowner applicant.

(Recommended by the Planning Board 5-0-0)

210 Yes 37 No

Article 2 passes.

During the deliberative portion of town meeting, Anne Cunningham, Chairman of the Planning Board, noted that this was a housekeeping issue to correct the wording in the Zoning Ordinance.

No questions.

Article 3: (To vote by Official Ballot)

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the planning board for the town zoning ordinance as follows: Amend Appendix A, District Boundaries to address an error that currently places lots along Village Road in both the Village and General Residential district, specifically to confirm the following lots are in the general residential district: lots beginning at but not including lots 3-4 and 3-7 on Eaton Road and all lots up to but not including lots 3-58 and lots 51-1, 51-2, and 51-3 which are within 500 feet of where Village Road intersects with Elm Street and to make corresponding corrections and clarifications consistent with the ordinance.

(Recommended by the Planning Board 5-0-0)

221 Yes 24 No

Article 3 passes.

During the deliberative portion of town meeting, Chairman Cunningham noted that this also was a housekeeping issue to correct the current wording in the Zoning Ordinance which placed some properties in two different zones – the General Residential and the Village Residential - which cannot be. The affected properties are already being assessed as being in the General Residential. This will correct the wording to leave the affected properties in the General Residential zone.

No questions.

Article 4: (To vote by Official Ballot)

“Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3 as proposed by the planning board for the town zoning ordinance as follows: Add the following definition of the term “footprint” to Article 20 (Definitions) and amend the language in section 310.1.6 to conform with the new definition (decks would be part of the footprint):

“Footprint: the portion of a lot covered by all portions of any structure, including decks, porches, cantilevered sections and roof overhangs.”

(Recommended by the Planning Board 5-0-0)

197 Yes 48 No

Article 4 passes.

During the deliberative portion of town meeting, Chairman Cunningham, explained that one of the resources in the Zoning Ordinance is the Definitions Section. In the Definitions, there was not a footprint definition for the Zoning Officer and the Building Inspector to go to. The generally accepted definition of the footprint includes all of the coverage of the lot. This article is to clarify the definition of a footprint in Section 310, which had a 10% rule, but for small waterfront lots it made it difficult. The definition had been relaxed last year to allow for more elbow room on these tiny lots and the ordinance changed to 15%. It is felt that with the extra 5%, we could make the footprint definition conform to what is generally accepted which is pretty much that anything you have on your lot would be counted.

No questions.

The Moderator, Donald Johnson, gave a thank you to the Planning Board for all of its hard work on these matters.

Article 5:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,664,610 for General Government for Fiscal Year 2020 as follows:

General Government

Town Office:

Wages, Fees and Benefits:

Town Officers Salaries	\$	61,030
Selectmen's Fees		200
Town Clerk Costs		4,875
Deputy Town Clerk		5,760
Tax Collector Fees/Costs		20,000
Deputy Tax Collector		6,000
Salaries - Full Time		112,000
Salaries - Part Time		12,500
Retirement		3,500
Health/Dental Insurance		41,250

Life/Disability Insurance	<u>2,200</u>
Total Wages, Fees, Benefits	269,315
Town Office Expense	<u>57,000</u>
Total Town Office	326,315
Assessing	30,900
Election, Registration & Vital Statistics	15,000
Legal Expenses	20,000
Payroll Taxes	69,515
Planning and Zoning Boards:	
Wages – Part-Time	1,750
Expenses	<u>4,550</u>
Total Planning and Zoning Boards	6,300
Public Buildings:	
Wages - Part Time	10,300
Expenses	<u>54,920</u>
Total Public Buildings	65,220
Cemeteries	7,725
Insurance	50,771
Lakes Region Planning Commission	<u>2,426</u>
Total General Government:	594,172
PUBLIC SAFETY:	
Police Department:	
Wages and Benefits:	
Salaries – Full-Time	160,500
Salaries – Part-Time	52,000
Overtime/Holiday/Severance	6,088
Retirement	48,500
Health/Dental Insurance	31,175
Life/Disability Insurance	618
Total Wages and Benefits	298,881
Expenses	<u>35,350</u>
Total Police Department	334,231
Fire Department:	
Wages and Benefits:	
Salaries – Full-Time Chief	66,040
Salaries - Part-Time Station Duty	3,000
Stipends for Responses	35,000
Retirement	1,985
Health/Dental Insurance	3,600
Life/Disability Insurance	900

Expenses	<u>71,650</u>
Total Fire Department	182,175
Ambulance	19,765
Building Inspector	16,163
Zoning Officer	9,300
Forest Fire Protection	3,000
Emergency Management & Safety	500
Ossipee Lake Dam Authority	6,208
Water Precinct	400
Total Public Safety:	<u>571,742</u>
HIGHWAYS AND STREETS:	
Highway Department:	
Wages and Benefits:	
Salaries – Full-Time	214,081
Salaries – Part-Time	22,323
Salaries – Overtime	58,924
Retirement	6,800
Health/Dental Insurance	87,930
Life/Disability Insurance	<u>4,500</u>
Total Wages and Benefits	394,558
Expenses:	
Rental Equipment	155,332
Contract Services	28,038
Operating Expenses	282,558
Total Expenses:	<u>465,928</u>
Total Highway Department	860,486
Street Lighting	<u>12,000</u>
Total Highways and Streets:	872,486
SANITATION:	
Transfer Station:	
Wages and Benefits:	
Salaries - Full Time	47,000
Salaries - Part Time	20,000
Retirement	1,410
Health/Dental Insurance	20,120
Life/Disability Insurance	<u>885</u>
Total Wages & Benefits	89,415
Expenses:	265,176
Engineering	8,000
Transport Materials	148,338
Operating Expenses	<u>19,423</u>

Total Expenses:	<u>175,761</u>
Total Sanitation:	265,176
Health:	
Salary and Expenses	500
Agencies:	
Carroll County Mental Health	1,433
Children Unlimited	2,000
Tri-County Community Action Program	4,000
White Mt Community Health	1,960
Central NH VNA	2,500
Red Cross	1,300
Starting Point	2,329
CASA	500
Ossipee Children's Fund	1,000
Life Flight Foundation	<u>372</u>
Total Health:	17,894
WELFARE:	
Salary	2,000
Town Needy	<u>9,000</u>
Total Welfare	11,000
CULTURE AND RECREATION:	
Parks & Recreation	10,875
Patriotic Purposes	1,400
Old Home Week	2,000
Heritage Commission	<u>850</u>
Total Culture and Recreation	15,125
CONSERVATION:	
Conservation Commission	2,100
Water Quality Testing	3,000
Aquatic Invasive Species	<u>750</u>
Total Conservation	5,850
DEBT SERVICE:	
Bond Principal – Road	125,000
Bond Principal – Public Safety Building	70,000
Lease Principal - Pump Truck	65,096
Bond Interest – Road	41,425
Bond Interest – Public Safety Building	4,200
Lease Interest - Pump Truck	<u>5,444</u>
Total Debt Service:	311,165
TOTAL FOR ARTICLE 5:	\$ 2,664,610

MOTION: Les Babb
SECONDED: Alan Fall

Selectman Babb spoke to the Article, explaining numbers are close to last year. The milfoil had to be separated out and the ambulance will have its own vote, due to the new contract. If all passes, will be \$165,000 more which equals 35 cents per \$1,000 – or a property with an assessment of \$200,000 would pay an additional \$70 more in taxes.

The Article was reviewed section by section.

General Government - \$594,172. No discussion.

Public Safety - \$571,742.

Discussion.

Highways and Streets: \$872,486. No discussion.

Sanitation: \$265,176. No discussion.

Health: \$17,894. No discussion.

Welfare: \$11,000. No discussion.

Culture and Recreation: \$15,125. No discussion.

Conservation: \$5,850. No discussion.

Debt Service: \$311,165. No discussion.

Bonnie Elie asked about the milfoil money. Selectman Babb explained that it has its own Warrant Article.

Sue Brown asked if the amount of the savings after the installation of the new LED lights was known? Selectman Fall said it was too early to tell, but it seemed like a 1 ½ year payback was likely, with an estimated savings of \$8000 per year.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 5: Article 5 carries.

Article 6:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$94,788 (ninety-four thousand seven hundred eighty-eight dollars) for the annual appropriation for the Library.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0

MOTION: Chuck Brooks
SECONDED: Scott Brooks, Sr.

Chuck Brooks, Chairman of the Library Board, spoke to the Article.

Discussion. It was noted by the Library Treasurer (and Town Treasurer), Jayne Britton, that there is a full breakdown of the Library's financial report on Pages 76 and 77 of the Town Report.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 6: Article 6 carries.

Article 7:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,500 (three thousand five hundred dollars) to be added to the Freedom Public Library Expendable Trust Fund previously established.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0

MOTION: Chuck Brooks

SECONDED: Brian Taylor

Chairman Brooks spoke to the Article, noting that this fund was for major expenditures and used the HVAC system as an example, stating it has a limited life span.

No discussion.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 7: Article 7 carries.

Article 8:

Are you in favor of increasing the Board of Library Trustees to 5 members?

MOTION: Chuck Brooks

SECONDED: Sandy Boyle

Chairman Brooks spoke to the Article, noting the Board would like to expand from 3 to 5 members to aid with recruiting, so new members won't have to immediately become an officer. Mr. Brooks said if the Article is approved, the additional two members would be appointed by the Selectmen, at the Library Board's recommendation – then the following year the trustees would be elected at town meeting, using staggered terms, and would rotate thereafter. When this method was questioned, Attorney John Ratigan explained to the meeting that this is the method the statute calls for.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 8: Article 8 carries.

Article 9:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$99,000 (ninety-nine thousand dollars) to repave Town roads.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0

MOTION: Ernest Day, Jr.
SECONDED: Darwin Moulton

Selectman Day spoke to the Article – noting it was an annual maintenance article.

No further discussion.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 9: Article 9 carries.

Article 10:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$52,000 (fifty-two thousand dollars) to sealcoat Town roads.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0

MOTION: Ernest Day, Jr.
SECONDED: Darwin Moulton

Selectmen Day spoke to the Article – noting that this, too, is an annual maintenance article, noting that the Road Agent, Scott Brooks, would assess the need as to which roads would be treated.

Discussion.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 10: Article 10 carries.

Article 11:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$17,000 (seventeen thousand dollars) for road crack sealing on Town roads.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0

MOTION: Ernest Day, Jr.
SECONDED: Darwin Moulton

Selectman Day spoke to the Article, noting that this, too was an annual maintenance Article.

Discussion.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 11: Article 11 carries.

Article 12:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$41,250 (forty-one thousand two hundred fifty dollars) for the crushing of gravel for use on Town roads.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0

MOTION: Ernest Day, Jr.

SECONDED: Darwin Moulton

Selectman Day spoke to the Article, noting that the Town crushes its own gravel as needed to save money. The Road Agent, Scott Brooks, said it was done every 3 – 5 years as needed.

Discussion.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 12: Article 12 carries.

Article 13:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$13,000 (thirteen thousand dollars) to reclaim and pave 4,000 feet of Swett Hill Road.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0

MOTION: Ernest Day, Jr.

SECONDED: Darwin Moulton

Selectman Day spoke to the Article, noting it was the intention to reclaim the Swett Hill Road. Road Agent Brooks explained that to reclaim means to correct the road's base.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 13: Article 13 carries.

Article 14:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$75,000 (seventy-five thousand dollars) for engineering and preliminary construction costs for a future winter sand storage building to be constructed at the Highway Garage.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0

MOTION: Alan Fall

SECONDED: Darwin Moulton

Selectman Fall spoke to the Article, noting that the sand is currently exposed to the elements and this storage building had been on the road agent's wish list for years. There is a potential for environmental issues and it is better to be proactive instead of reactive. The Selectmen are in the process of determining if the building should be metal or wood, obtaining estimates etc., and it is apparent that this should not be fully funded this year, as there is a need to get the engineering done and the construction estimates, and it was determined that this amount was a figure that the town could live with.

Discussion. The long-term benefits were noted, protecting the environment and the workers not having to deal with frozen material, saving time and money. It was noted that most of the State's area stations have two sheds – one for the salt and one for the sand. Selectman Babb noted that it could possibly be a fabric building, which would only be good for 30 years. It was also noted that the cost is estimated from \$270,000 to \$375,000 for the total project.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 14: ARTICLE 14 carries.

Article 15:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$55,000 (fifty-five thousand dollars) for the purpose of contracting construction administration services for the Ossipee Lake Road Bridge project.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0

MOTION: Alan Fall

SECONDED: Don Harris

Selectman Fall noted that this project had been on-going for ten years; \$85,797.00 already expended. North East Earth Mechanics has the contract. The project will probably start in July. The bridge will be set up for one-way traffic only. The bridge will have to be closed at one point for an estimated forty-eight hours. There is a plan in place for emergency services on both sides and the town is working with the campgrounds and camps.

Initially Alan Fall proposed an amendment to drop the amount from \$55,000 to \$14,000, seconded by Les Babb. Then this amendment was rescinded, based on advice of Town Counsel, John Ratigan, stating the entire amount should be appropriated and the full amount of \$55,000 should stand.

Alan Fall agreed – correcting the proposed Amendment: “To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$55,000 (fifty-five thousand dollars) for the purpose of contracting construction administration services for the Ossipee Lake Road Bridge project, with \$44,000 to be reimbursed by the State and \$11,000 to be raised by taxation.” Seconded by Don Harris.

Discussion on Article 15 as amended to: “To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$55,000 (fifty-five thousand dollars) for the purpose of contracting construction administration services for the Ossipee Lake Road Bridge project, with \$44,000 to be reimbursed by the State and \$11,000 to be raised by taxation.”

Vote to amend: Yes – the vote to amend carries.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 15 as amended: YES, ARTICLE 15 as amended carries.

Article 16:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 (twenty thousand dollars) for the purpose of completing a Statistical Update in 2020.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0

MOTION: Alan Fall

SECONDED: Mike Gaudete

Alan Fall spoke to the Article – noting that we are currently at 82% and 100% is required, give or take 10%. This takes place every few years. Current rate is \$13.56 per \$1000, probably will be \$11.00 per \$1,000 – but the taxes will stay the same – won't go up or down.

Discussion.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 16: Article 16 carries.

Article 17:

To see if the Town will vote to enter into a multi-year agreement (which may include an intergovernmental agreement under RSA Chapter 53-A), with one or more ambulance service providers and/or other regional municipalities such as, but not necessarily including or limited to, the Towns of Eaton, Effingham, Ossipee, Madison, and Tamworth, to provide emergency medical/ambulance services.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0

MOTION: Les Babb

SECONDED: Bill Elliott

Les Babb spoke to the Article, noting there is a new multi-town contract in place. The multi-town contract started five years ago; this is the second time around. The new company is called Action Ambulance.

Discussion.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 17: ARTICLE 17 carries.

Article 18:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$73,259 (seventy-three thousand two hundred fifty-nine dollars) for contracted ambulance service.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0

MOTION: Les Babb

SECONDED: Ernest Day, Jr.

Les Babb spoke to the article – stating this warrant article was needed to pay for the first year of the new contract.

No discussion.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 18: ARTICLE 18 carries.

Article 19:

To see if the Town will vote to cease funding on the Ambulance Service Agreement with CarePlus Ambulance Service on March 31, 2020, the date of the agreement's expiration.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0

MOTION: Les Babb
SECONDED: Darwin Moulton

Les Babb spoke to the Article, noting that this Article will put on record that the town is ceasing to fund the original contract, to end the contract, so that the prior company cannot come back to the town.

Discussion.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 19: ARTICLE 19 carries.

Article 20:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$52,000 (fifty-two thousand dollars) to purchase and equip a new cruiser for the Police Department with \$20,000 to come from the Police Department Equipment Capital Reserve Fund and the balance of \$32,000 to be raised from taxation.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0

MOTION: Ernest Day, Jr.
SECONDED: Cubby (Justin) Brooks

Selectmen Day spoke to the Article, noting this new vehicle will replace the 2013 Chev Tahoe, which is to go to the Fire Department. The 2009 that the Fire Department is currently using will go out to bid. It is estimated to be worth \$800 to \$1500.

Discussion.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 20: ARTICLE 20 carries.

Article 21:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$21,700 (twenty-one thousand seven hundred dollars) to purchase and equip the Police Department cruisers with MDT's (Mobile Data Terminals).

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0

MOTION: Ernest Day, Jr.
SECONDED: Scott Brooks, Sr.

Selectman Day spoke to the Article, noting that this would be for three computers for the three cruisers, which will mean that the officers will not have to go through the Sheriff's office.

No discussion.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 21: ARTICLE 21 carries.

Article 22:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 (fifteen thousand dollars) to replace the furnace at the Town Hall with \$7,500 to come from the Town Hall and Office Capital Reserve Fund and the balance of \$7,500 to be raised from taxation.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0

MOTION: Alan Fall

SECONDED: Bill Elliott

Selectman Fall spoke to the article, noting that the existing furnace is on its last legs.

No discussion.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 22: ARTICLE 22 carries.

Article 23:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$16,500 (sixteen thousand five hundred dollars) to replace the Town street lights with LED fixtures.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0

MOTION: Alan Fall

SECONDED: Joyce Watson

Selectman Fall spoke to the Article, noting that this would be an upgrade to the town with an estimated \$8,000 per year savings, plus there were incentives to purchase. The pay-back is estimated to take a year and a half.

Discussion.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 23: ARTICLE 23 carries.

Article 24:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 (ten thousand dollars) to be added to the previously established Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0

MOTION: Alan Fall

SECONDED: Scott Brooks, Jr.

Selectman Fall spoke to the Article, noting that every year we try to add to this account. The current balance is \$38,262.65 [Page 75 Town Report.]

No discussion.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 24: ARTICLE 24 carries.

Article 25:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 (ten thousand dollars) to be added to the previously established Police Department Equipment Capital Reserve Fund.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0

MOTION: Alan Fall

SECONDED: Cubby (Justin) Brooks

Selectman Fall spoke to the Article, noting this, too, is another annual additional to the account. The current balance is \$41,489.48.

No discussion.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 25: ARTICLE 25 carries.

Article 26:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 (ten thousand dollars) to be added to the previously established Municipal Land and Building Capital Reserve Fund.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0

MOTION: Alan Fall

SECONDED: Bonnie Elie

Selectman Fall spoke to the Article, stating he thought it is a good idea to keep adding to this fund.

No discussion.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 26: ARTICLE 26 carries.

Article 27:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$46,508 (forty-six thousand five hundred eight dollars) for milfoil treatment in Danforth Ponds and other lakes and streams as needed with \$18,603 to come from the Exotic Aquatic Weed Control Project Grant and the balance of \$27,905 to be raised by taxation.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0

MOTION: Les Babb

SECONDED: Brian Taylor

Ned Kucera, a member of the Freedom Aquatic Invasive Species Committee, spoke to the Article, noting that there had been a great increase after a state inspection, and an herbicide treatment is recommended, and they have had a great deal of success with the diving method. Ned said that so far, the methods have been maintaining the spread.

Discussion.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 27: ARTICLE 27 carries.

Article 28:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,500 (three thousand five hundred dollars) to fund the NH Lake Host Program.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0

MOTION: Les Babb

SECONDED: Cheryl Harris

Selectman Babb spoke to the Article, stating this program helps to safeguard the lakes. Ned Kucera noted it provides a coordinated effort for outreach and education.

No further discussion.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 28: ARTICLE 28 carries.

Article 29:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$11,150 (eleven thousand one hundred fifty dollars) for the purpose of assisting seniors in finding appropriate services, knowledge, and resources they need to remain in their homes and in Freedom as they age. This amount will cover wages for a Senior Resource Coordinator position up to 12-hours per week, mileage reimbursement, and other funds necessary to assist the seniors in Freedom.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0

MOTION: Cindy Fleming

SECONDED: Sandy Boyle

Cindy Fleming, as member of the Advisory Committee to the Selectmen on Aging, spoke to the Article, noting the committee has heard the needs and recommends a Senior Coordinator position to be a point person, not a case worker, to assist in navigating the system. There is a large Mount Washington Valley initiative in these regards. There is a wide range of information, including transportation. The Coordinator would serve at the local level and keep us in all loops.

No further discussion.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 29: ARTICLE 29 carries.

Article 30:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$40,000 (forty thousand dollars) to conduct a feasibility study for the restoration and/or additions to the existing Town Office and/or for a new Town Office to be constructed at 50 Eaton Road (aka Map 3, Lot 1-01), and further to create a Town Office Advisory Committee to consider ways to optimize the Town Office space, accessibility and mobility needs with \$40,000 to come from the previously established Municipal Land and Building Capital Reserve Fund. No amount to be raised from taxation.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0

MOTION: Alan Fall
SECONDED: Peg Scully

Selectman Fall spoke to the Article, noting that something has to be done with the office space, as it currently is inadequate. The last payment will be made on the Public Safety Building in August of 2021 and it is time to revisit the space needs. There is currently \$128,528.42 in the capital reserve fund.

Peg Scully, as Chairman of the Freedom Heritage Commission, made a MOTION TO AMEND the Article by removing the words “and/or for a new Town Office to be constructed at 50 Eaton Road (aka Map 3, Lot 1-01)”; SECONDED BY Terry Brooks.

Peg Scully said the old school has been a useful building for 125 years. In 1993 the Town Offices moved there. The building does need to be updated – does not want to abandon the building and there doesn’t seem to be another appropriate use. The building has very strong memories for some and it would be tragic to lose.

Discussion on the proposed amendment.

Selectman Fall noted that with this amendment, there would be no choice at Town Meeting and no comparison.

Nancy Bossi suggesting modifying the article to include the Public Safety Building.

Moderator Johnson instructed that the meeting could only work on one amendment at a time.

Discussion on the proposed amendment.

MIKE GAUDETTE made a MOTION TO MOVE THE QUESTION. Moderator Johnson explained that a vote to move the question would end all discussion on the amendment.

VOTE ON MOVING THE QUESTION: NO, the motion to move the question failed.

Discussion on the amendment continued.

VOTE ON THE MOTION TO AMEND THE Article to delete the words: “and/or for a new Town Office to be constructed at 50 Eaton Road (aka Map 3, Lot 1-01)” – the Moderator called for a division of the house:

38 FOR
23 AGAINST

The Amendment passes.

Jeff Towle made a MOTION TO AMEND the Article to add: “and look at other potential properties for town office space.”; SECONDED by Darwin Moulton.

Discussion on the Amendment.

VOTE ON AMENDMENT TO ADD: "...and look at other potential properties for town office space": **NO – the Amendment fails.**

Returned to discussion on the original Article, as amended.

Chuck Brooks made a MOTION TO MOVE THE QUESTION. VOTE on Motion to Move the Question: Yes – the motion passes.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 30 as amended to read:

ARTICLE 30: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$40,000 (forty thousand dollars) to conduct a feasibility study for the restoration and/or additions to the existing Town Office, and further to create a Town Office Advisory Committee to consider ways to optimize the Town Office space, accessibility and mobility needs with \$40,000 to come from the previously established Municipal Land and Building Capital Reserve Fund. No amount to be raised from taxation.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 30 AS AMENDED: YES, ARTICLE 30 as amended carries.

Article 31:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000 (three thousand dollars) for a licensed forester to oversee the administration of forestry activities in the Town Forest for the ensuing year with said funds to be withdrawn from the Town Forest Maintenance Fund. Conservation Commission Recommendation 6-0-0.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0

MOTION: Ernest Day, Jr.

SECONDED: Cubby (Justin) Brooks

No discussion.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 31: ARTICLE 31 carries.

Article 32:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000 (three thousand dollars) for maintenance activities in the Town Forest for the ensuing year with said funds to be withdrawn from the Town Forest Maintenance Fund. Conservation Commission Recommendation 6-0-0.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0

MOTION: Ernest Day, Jr.

SECONDED: Cubby (Justin) Brooks

No Discussion.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 32: Yes, ARTICLE 32 carries.

Article 33: (By Petition)

The Freedom Historical Society respectfully requests the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000 to help defray the cost of preservation and storage of museum records by scanning and/or photographing these historical records and making them accessible to the public. These items consist of original documents, photographs, maps, artwork, narratives, books, magazines and newspaper articles and a wide variety of artifacts. The Society researches, preserves and stores records that tell the story of Freedom's people, events (including Old Home Week) and buildings.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0

MOTION. Roberta McCarthy

SECONDED: Mike Gaudete

Roberta McCarthy spoke to the article, stating this provides support for access and preservation for future generations and the plan is to have more information on line and provide access from home.

No discussion.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 33: ARTICLE 33 carries.

Article 34:

To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Joyce Watson wanted to thank the Selectmen, on behalf of the Lakeview Cemetery Association, for their support.

Bill Elliott wanted to thank the Selectmen and told them they are doing a wonderful job.

Don Johnson gave a thank you to the Town Clerk, Libby Priebe, for everything she does. She received a round of applause.

Don Johnson welcomed new town administrator, Ellen White.

Jeff Towle made a MOTION TO ADJOURN;
SECONDED by all.

Meeting adjourned at 12:28 p.m.

A true record, attest:

/s/ A. ELIZABETH PRIEBE

A. ELIZABETH PRIEBE, TOWN CLERK

RULES OF PROCEDURE

According to RSA 40, the town Moderator determines the procedures to be used in Town Meetings. The Moderator determines the rules without regard to parliamentary or other procedural rules. The voters can overturn the Moderator's rules at any time, however. A motion to overturn the Moderator's rules, or establish new rules, will always take precedence to other business which is already "on the floor".

So that you will know the ground rules by which we are maintaining order, these procedural rules are announced to you ahead of time.

- The Moderator will read each article in its entirety before that article is considered.
- There can be no discussion until there has been a motion under the article. (usually the first motion is to approve the article as it appears on the warrant)
- All motions must be seconded by a different individual.
- Discussion will only take place after a motion has been moved and seconded.
- All discussion must take place only when called upon by the Moderator. You must have permission from the Moderator before you can speak.
- When the Moderator recognizes you, standup, speak out loudly and announce your name before proceeding with your comments.
- If you want to change a portion of a motion, you can do so by making an amendment. We will consider only one move to amend at any given time. When discussion regarding an amendment comes to a conclusion, the amendment will be voted upon. If the amendment passes, we will then continue considering the original motion as it has now been amended. If the amendment fails, we will return to considering the motion in its form prior to the motion to amend.
- A secret written ballot will be used on any article when requested by any 5 voters in writing (RSA 40:4-a).
- A vote will be re-tabulated by secret written ballot when requested in writing or orally by only 7 voters (RSA 40:40b). This action must be requested before we have already moved onto the next item of business.

One final word of advice from your Moderator: If you want to get action from the Town Meeting, you have to make a motion. It's okay to get up and ask a question or make a comment (as long as it's relevant to what's on the table), but if you want the Town Meeting to discuss and vote on your idea, you have to get it on the table with a motion. Let's work together to have a successful and efficient meeting.

Thank you,
Donald Johnson, Moderator

**State of New Hampshire
County of Carroll, Town of Freedom
2021 TOWN WARRANT**

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Freedom in the County of Carroll in said state, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified that the 2021 Annual Town Meeting of the Town of Freedom will be held in two separate sessions. The first session will be held at the Freedom Elementary School on Tuesday, March 9, 2021 for voting by Official Ballot for the election of Town Officers and for the adoption of Zoning Amendments. The polls will open at 9:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m. unless there is a vote to keep the polls open to a later hour. The ballots will be counted after the polls close.

The second session of Town Meeting will be held at the Freedom Elementary School on Saturday, March 13, 2021 beginning at 9 a.m., at which all other warrant articles will be presented, discussed and acted upon.

Article 1: (To vote by Official Ballot)

To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.

Article 2: (To vote by Official Ballot)

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the planning board for the town zoning ordinance as follows: Add as Article 6, Stormwater Management to require property owners to manage stormwater runoff caused by any building construction or lot development on lots that are adjacent to a 1st to 5th order stream, which could cause additional water to flow onto a Class I to Class V road or onto an abutter's property if the property is not regulated by other state or town regulations? The planning board is proposing this article to bring the Freedom zoning ordinance into line with the Master Plan dated March 7, 2020.

(Recommended by the Planning Board 6-0-1)

Article 3: (To vote by Official Ballot)

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the planning board for the town zoning ordinance as follows: Add as Article 7, Shoreland Protection by moving language from section 304.6 (Shorefront District-Other Requirements) to an article focused on protecting Freedom's water quality and to add some language from the state Shoreland Water Quality Protection Act to educate shorefront district property owners on their rights and responsibilities under the law? Having this language in the Freedom Zoning Ordinance allows the town to enforce these provisions rather than referring violations to the state. The planning board is proposing this article to bring the Freedom zoning ordinance into line with the Master Plan dated March 7, 2020.

(Recommended by the Planning Board 7-0-0)

Article 4: (To vote by Official Ballot)

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3 as proposed by the planning board for the town zoning ordinance as follows: Amend Article 15, Home Occupation, to add exclusions to restrict the sales, rental, maintenance, or repair of automobiles, motor vehicles, or small engines or other listed special exception uses as a home occupation?

(Recommended by the Planning Board 5-2-0)

Article 5: (To vote by Official Ballot)

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 4 as proposed by the planning board for the town zoning ordinance as follows: Add a section to Article 2101.2 Application for a zoning permit to require a foundation/footing certification before the pouring of concrete on lots where the zoning officer is uncertain that a structure's location meets setbacks and when the Zoning Board of Adjustment grants a variance for a structure to encroach into any setback? This will ensure that the placement of the structure conforms with the zoning ordinance or variance conditions without requiring a full lot survey.

(Recommended by the Planning Board 7-0-0)

Article 6:

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,848,118 (Two million eight hundred forty-eight thousand one hundred eighteen dollars) for general municipal operations as follows. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately. (Majority vote required)

	FY 2020 Appropriations	FY 2020 Expenditures	FY 2021 Appropriations
General Government			
Town Office:			
Wages, Fees, and Benefits:			
Town Officers Salaries	\$ 61,030	\$ 60,590	\$ 61,480
Selectmen's Fees	200	-	200
Town Clerk Costs	4,875	5,207	5,200
Deputy Town Clerk	5,760	5,522	18,018
Tax Collector Fees/Costs	20,000	16,964	20,000
Deputy Tax Collector	6,000	-	6,000
Salaries - Full-Time	112,000	113,866	115,000
Salaries - Part-Time	12,500	9,442	15,000
Retirement	3,500	3,608	3,500
Health/Dental Insurance	41,250	39,088	43,515
Life/Disability Insurance	2,200	1,682	1,800
Total Wages, Fees, and Benefits	269,315	255,970	289,713
Town Office Expense	57,000	50,369	58,575
Total Town Office	326,315	306,339	348,288
Assessing	30,900	30,900	30,900
Election, Registration & Vital Statistics	15,000	20,136	9,000
Legal Expenses	20,000	26,933	25,000
Payroll Taxes	69,515	48,730	69,515
Planning and Zoning Boards:			
Wages - Part-Time	1,750	954	1,950
Expenses	4,550	5,010	4,800
Total Planning and Zoning Boards	6,300	5,964	6,750
Public Buildings:			
Wages - Part-Time	10,300	8,195	10,300
Expenses	54,920	37,023	54,920
Total Public Buildings	65,220	45,218	65,220
Cemeteries	7,725	6,545	7,725
Insurance	50,771	46,942	48,748
Lakes Region Planning Commission	2,426	2,370	2,370
Total General Government	594,172	540,076	613,516

	FY 2020 Appropriations	FY 2020 Expenditures	FY 2021 Appropriations
Public Safety			
Police Department:			
Wages and Benefits:			
Salaries - Full-Time	160,500	158,110	160,500
Salaries - Part-Time	52,000	44,017	52,000
Salaries - GOFERR Reimbursed	-	(32,229)	-
Overtime/Holiday/Severance	6,088	5,926	6,200
Retirement	48,500	43,324	50,500
Health/Dental Insurance	31,175	31,171	50,000
Life/Disability Insurance	618	734	1,000
Total Wages and Benefits	298,881	251,053	320,200
Expenses	35,350	21,009	35,900
Total Police Department	334,231	272,061	356,100
Fire Department:			
Wages and Benefits:			
Salaries - Full-Time Chief	66,040	66,020	68,120
Salaries - Part-Time Station Duty	3,000	-	3,000
Stipends for Responses	35,000	36,273	35,000
Retirement	1,985	2,011	1,985
Health/Dental Insurance	3,600	3,600	3,600
Life/Disability Insurance	900	882	900
Expenses	71,650	67,117	75,150
Total Fire Department	182,175	175,902	187,755
Ambulance	19,765	19,765	99,876
Building Inspector	16,163	10,919	16,163
Zoning Officer	9,300	9,807	9,300
Forest Fire Protection	3,000	1,395	3,000
Emergency Management & Safety	500	-	3,000
Ossipee Lake Dam Authority	6,208	6,207	5,839
Water Precinct	400	400	400
Total Public Safety	571,742	496,457	681,433

	FY 2020 Appropriations	FY 2020 Expenditures	FY 2021 Appropriations
Highway Department			
Wages and Benefits:			
Salaries - Full-Time	214,081	154,127	214,081
Salaries - Part-Time	22,323	18,979	22,323
Salaries - Overtime	58,924	32,437	58,924
Retirement	6,800	4,250	6,800
Health/Dental Insurance	87,930	83,336	93,250
Life/Disability Insurance	4,500	3,801	4,500
Total Wages and Benefits	394,558	296,930	399,878
Expenses:			
Rental Equipment	155,332	101,757	158,432
Contract Services	28,038	38,884	28,038
Operating Expenses	282,558	163,618	294,708
Total Expenses	465,928	304,259	481,178
Total Highway Department	860,486	601,189	881,056
Street Lighting	12,000	6,536	7,200
Total Highways and Streets	872,486	607,725	888,256
Sanitation			
Transfer Station:			
Wages and Benefits:			
Salaries - Full-Time	47,000	46,354	49,500
Salaries - Part-Time	20,000	25,790	28,000
Retirement	1,410	1,448	1,410
Health/Dental Insurance	20,120	20,120	21,343
Life/Disability Insurance	885	1,090	1,380
Total Wages and Benefits	89,415	94,800	101,633
Expenses:	265,176	222,105	265,176
Engineering	8,000	10,785	8,000
Transport Materials	148,338	154,794	180,000
Operating Expenses	19,423	12,580	23,550
Total Expenses	175,761	178,159	211,550
Total Sanitation	265,176	272,959	313,183

	FY 2020 Appropriations	FY 2020 Expenditures	FY 2021 Appropriations
Health			
Salary and Expenses	500	189	500
Agencies:			
Carroll County Mental Health	1,433	1,433	1,433
Children Unlimited	2,000	2,000	2,000
Tri-County Community Action Program	4,000	4,000	3,350
White Mountain Community Health Center	1,960	1,960	2,040
Central NH VNA	2,500	2,500	2,500
Red Cross	1,300	1,300	1,300
Starting Point	2,329	2,329	2,470
CASA	500	500	500
Ossipee Children's Fund	1,000	1,000	500
Lifeflight Foundation	372	372	372
Total Health	17,894	17,583	16,965
Welfare			
Salary	2,000	-	2,000
Town Needy	9,000	9,221	9,000
Total Welfare	11,000	9,221	11,000
Culture and Recreation			
Parks & Recreation	10,875	8,287	10,875
Patriotic Purposes	1,400	708	1,400
Old Home Week	2,000	-	2,000
Heritage Commission	850	50	850
Total Culture and Recreation	15,125	9,045	15,125
Conservation			
Conservation Commission	2,100	1,248	2,100
Water Quality Testing	3,000	3,000	3,000
Milfoil Remediation	-	-	-
Aquatic Invasive Species	750	441	750
Total Conservation	5,850	4,689	5,850
Debt Services			
Bond Principal - Road	125,000	125,000	125,000
Bond Principal - Public Safety Building	70,000	70,000	70,000
Lease Principal - Pump Truck	65,096	65,096	66,863
Bond Interest - Road	41,425	41,425	35,150
Bond Interest - Public Safety Building	4,200	4,200	2,100
Lease Interest - Pump Truck	5,444	5,444	3,677
Total Debt Service	311,165	311,165	302,790
TOTAL ARTICLE 6	\$ 2,664,610	\$ 2,268,920	\$ 2,848,118

Article 7:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,500 (two thousand five hundred dollars) to be added to the Freedom Public Library Expendable Trust Fund previously established.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0

Article 8:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$101,843 (One hundred one thousand eight hundred forty-three dollars) for the annual appropriation for the Library.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0

Article 9:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$99,000 (Ninety-nine thousand dollars) to repave Town roads.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0

Article 10:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$205,000 (Two hundred five thousand dollars) to purchase and equip a new 6-wheel plow/dump truck for the Highway Department.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0

Article 11:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$70,000 (Seventy thousand dollars) to purchase and equip a new 1-ton plow truck for the Highway Department.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0

Article 12:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 (Ten thousand dollars) to resurface the tennis court.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0

Article 13:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 (Ten thousand dollars) to replace the bleachers at the ballfield that were damaged during a storm event in 2020.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0

Article 14:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 (Twenty-five thousand dollars) dredging and dry hydrant installation at the Durgin Hill Fire Pond.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0

Article 15:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 (Five hundred dollars) for maintenance activities in the Town Forest for the ensuing year with said funds to be withdrawn from the Town Forest Maintenance Fund. Conservation Commission Recommendation 6-0.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0

Article 16:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000 (Three thousand dollars) for a licensed forester to oversee the administration of forestry activities in the Town Forest for the ensuing year with said funds to be withdrawn from the Town Forest Maintenance Fund. Conservation Commission Recommendation 6-0.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0

Article 17:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,500 (Two thousand five hundred dollars) to fund the NH Lake Host Program.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0

Article 18:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 (Five thousand dollars) to conduct a controlled burn of the pine barrens in the Town Forest with said funds to be withdrawn from the Town Forest Maintenance Fund.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0

Article 19:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$38,592 (Thirty-eight thousand five hundred ninety-two dollar) for milfoil treatment in Danforth Ponds and other lakes and streams as needed with \$15,437 to come from the Exotic Aquatic Weed Control Project Grant, and the balance of \$23,155 to be raised by taxation.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0

Article 20:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 (Twenty thousand dollars) to be added to the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established. This sum to come from unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised from taxation.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0.

Article 21:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 (Ten thousand dollars) to add to the Transfer Station Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established. The sum to come from unreserved fund balance. No amount to be raised by taxation.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0.

Article 22:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 (Ten thousand dollars) to be added to the Town Hall and Office Capital Reserve Fund previously established. This sum to come from unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised from taxation.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0

Article 23:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 (Ten thousand dollars) to be added to the Fire Department Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established. This sum to come from unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised from taxation.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0

Article 24:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 (Ten thousand dollars) to be added to the Police Department Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established. This sum to come from unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised from taxation.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0

Article 25:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 (Twenty thousand dollars) to be added to the Infrastructure Capital Reserve Fund previously established. This sum to come from unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised from taxation.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0

Article 26:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 (Ten thousand dollars) to be used toward the design and engineering costs associated with the Town Office restoration/reconstruction project with \$10,000 to come from the previously established Municipal Land and Building Capital Reserve Fund. No amount to be raised from taxation.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0

Article 27: (Submitted by Petition)

The Freedom Historical Society respectfully requests the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000 to help defray the cost of preservation and storage of Freedom records held by the museum and making them accessible to the public. These items consist of original documents, photographs, maps, artwork, narratives, books, magazines and newspaper articles and a wide variety of artifacts. The Society researches, preserves and stores records that tell the story of Freedom’s people, events (including Old Home Week) and buildings for future generations.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0

Article 28:

To see if the Town of Freedom will vote to authorize the Selectmen to appoint two (2) volunteer representatives from the Town to serve on the Carroll County Broadband “Communications District Planning Committee” for the purpose of drafting a “Communications District Agreement” under NH RSA Chapter 53-G - Communications Districts?

Article 29:

To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Given our hands and seal this 12th day of February in the year of the Lord Two Thousand Twenty-One.

A true copy, attest

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Leslie R. Babb
Ernest F. Day, Jr.
Alan G. Fall

**BUDGET
OF THE TOWN OF FREEDOM, NH
January 1, 2021 - December 31, 2021**

APPROPRIATIONS

PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATION	Appropriations Prior Year	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	Estimated Appropriations Ensuing Year
General Government			
Executive	\$ 61,030	\$ 60,590	\$ 61,480
Election, Registration & Vital Statistics	15,000	20,136	9,000
Financial Administration	265,285	245,689	286,808
Assessing	30,900	30,900	30,900
Legal Expenses	20,000	26,933	25,000
Personnel Administration	69,515	48,730	69,515
Planning and Zoning	15,600	15,771	16,050
General Government Buildings	65,220	45,218	65,220
Cemeteries	7,725	6,545	7,725
Insurance	50,771	46,942	48,748
Regional Associations	2,426	2,370	2,370
Public Safety			
Emergency Management	500	-	3,000
Police	334,231	272,061	356,100
Ambulance	19,765	19,765	99,876
Fire	185,175	177,297	190,755
Building Inspection	16,163	10,919	16,163
Hydrants & Dam Safety	6,608	6,607	6,239
Highway and Street			
Highway and Street	860,486	601,189	881,056
Street Lighting	12,000	6,536	7,200
Sanitation			
Solid Waste Disposal	265,176	272,959	313,183
Health			
Health Officer	500	189	500
Health Agencies	17,394	17,394	16,465
Welfare			
Administration	2,000	-	2,000
Vendor Payments & Other	9,000	9,221	9,000
Culture and Recreation			
Parks & Recreation	10,875	8,287	10,875
Patriotic Purposes	1,400	708	1,400
Other Culture and Recreation	2,850	50	2,850
Conservation			
Administration	2,850	1,689	2,850
Other Conservation	3,000	3,000	3,000
Debt Services			
Principal - Long Term Bonds & Notes	260,096	260,096	261,863
Interest - Long Term Bonds & Notes	51,069	51,069	40,927
Other Debt Service	-	-	-
Total Operating Budget	\$ 2,664,610	\$ 2,268,860	\$ 2,848,118

WARRANT ARTICLES

PURPOSE OF WARRANT ARTICLE	Appropriations Prior Year	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	Appropriations as Recommended Ensuing Year
Historical Society (By Petition)	2,000	2,000	2,000
Police Cruiser	52,000	51,831	-
Town Hall Furnace	15,000	13,000	-
Town Forest Forester	3,000	2,008	3,000
Town Forest Maintenance	3,000	40	500
Town Office Advisory Committee	40,000	-	10,000
Town Forest Pine Barren Controlled Burn	-	-	5,000
Fire Pond Dredging	-	-	25,000
Highway Plow/Dump Truck	-	-	205,000
Highway 1-Ton Pickup Truck	-	-	70,000
Tennis Court Resurfacing	-	-	10,000
Ballfield Bleacher Replacement	-	-	10,000
Capital Reserve Funds:			
Infrastructure	-	-	20,000
Municipal Land and Building	10,000	10,000	-
Transfer Station	-	-	10,000
Highway Equipment	10,000	10,000	20,000
Fire Department	-	-	10,000
Police	10,000	10,000	10,000
Town Hall/Office	-	-	10,000
Expendable Trust Funds:			
Library	3,500	3,500	2,500
Sealcoat Town Roads	52,000	-	-
Repave Town Roads	99,000	-	99,000
Crack & Seal	17,000	-	-
Gravel Crushing	41,250	41,250	-
Swett Hill Road Reclamation	13,000	-	-
Upgrade Street Lighting	16,500	16,500	-
Statistical Update	20,000	20,000	-
Ambulance Service Agreement	73,259	73,258	-
Police Mobile Data Transmitters	21,700	21,700	-
Milfoil Treatment	46,508	35,017	38,592
NH Lake Host Program	3,500	3,500	2,500
Engineering & Prelim. Const. Costs of Winter Sand/Salt Storage Building	75,000	-	-
Danforth Bridge Construction Admin.	55,000	55,000	-
Senior Coordinator	11,150	546	-
Library	94,788	94,788	101,843
Total Warrant Articles	\$ 788,155	\$ 463,937	\$ 664,935
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	\$ 3,452,765	\$ 2,732,797	\$ 3,513,053

REVENUES

SOURCE OF REVENUE	Estimated Revenue Prior Year	Actual Revenue Prior Year	Estimated Revenue Ensuing Year
Taxes			
Land Use Change Tax	\$ 11,300	\$ 15,650	\$ 5,000
Yield Tax	20,000	20,962	20,000
Other Taxes	7,450	6,349	6,500
Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	40,000	33,300	35,000
Licenses, Permits & Fees			
Business Licenses & Permits	14,000	-	14,000
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	440,000	430,239	400,000
Building Permits	20,000	29,052	25,000
Other Licenses, Permits & Fees	30,000	25,565	25,000
State Sources			
Shared Revenues	-	-	-
Meals & Rooms Tax	80,000	80,762	80,000
Highway Block Grant	88,000	87,962	70,000
Other	15,000	15,567	15,437
Charges for Services			
Income from Departments	12,000	12,000	15,000
Other Charges	250	-	250
Miscellaneous Revenues			
Sale of Municipal Property	70,000	20,618	25,000
Interest on Investments	12,000	12,119	12,000
Other	12,300	13,046	12,000
Interfund Operating Transfers In			
From Special Revenue Funds	6,000	6,000	8,500
From Capital Reserve Funds	67,500	67,500	-
From Exp. Trust Funds	-	-	-
From Conservation Funds	-	-	-
Other Finance Sources			
From Unassigned Fund Balance	-	100,000	90,000
TOTAL EST. REVENUES & CREDITS	\$ 945,800	\$ 976,691	\$ 858,687

Appropriations Recommended	\$ 2,848,118
Special Warrant Articles	103,000
Individual Warrant Articles	561,935
Total Appropriations	\$ 3,513,053
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenue & Credits	858,687
Amount to be Raised by Taxation	\$ 2,654,366

**TOWN OF FREEDOM
DETAIL OF REVENUE
Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2020**

Source	Amount	
Property Tax Levy	\$ 6,941,337	
Interest & Penalties (Late Taxes)	33,846	
Yield Tax (Timber)	20,962	
Boat Tax	6,349	
Land Use Change Tax	15,650	
		\$ 7,018,145
State Aid:		
Meals & Rooms Distribution	80,762	
Highway Block Grant	87,962	
Other State Aid	15,567	
		\$ 184,291
Town Clerk:		
Dog Licenses	462	
Vehicle Registrations	430,239	
Other Fees	2,597	
		\$ 433,298
Transfer Station:		
Permits	3,720	
Tipping Fees	15,467	
Recycling Revenue	-	
		\$ 19,187
Building Inspector:		
Permits	29,052	
		\$ 29,052
Police Department:		
Reports, etc.	55	
Special Detail Fees	-	
		\$ 55
Selectmen:		
Copies, Printouts, Maps, Checklists, Fax	495	
Donations	7,000	
Planning Board Fees	572	
ZBA Fees	3,084	
Winter Road Maintenance Fees	1,700	
Uncashed Checks	-	
Town of Eaton (Fire)	12,000	
Cable TV Franchise Fee	39,799	
Rent of Property	-	
Sale of Property	22,620	
Interest Income	13,547	
Fines	29	
Other:		
HealthTrust Return of Insurance Premium	6,672	
		\$ 107,518
From Capital Reserve Fund	27,500	
		\$ 27,500
From Unreserved Fund Balance	100,000	
		\$ 100,000
Total		\$ 7,919,046

**TOWN OF FREEDOM
SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS
FISCAL YEAR 2020**

	BALANCE 1/1/2020	NEW FUNDS	EXPENDED	TRANSFER TO GENERAL FUND REVENUE	BALANCE 12/31/2020
INTERFUND TRANSFER IN:					
Cemetery P/C Interest	\$ 4,559.56	\$ -	\$ 80.53	\$ -	\$ 4,479.03
Municipal Building/Land	5,000.00	-	-	-	5,000.00
Town Road R-O-W	4,800.00	-	-	-	4,800.00
Total Interfund Transfers In	\$ 14,359.56	\$ -	\$ 80.53	\$ -	\$ 14,279.03
GIFTS AND DONATIONS:					
General Government:					
Town Hall Kitchen	\$ 2,091.45	\$ 1,636.16	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,727.61
Public Safety:					
Police Department	7,750.00	1,000.00	-	-	8,750.00
Fire Department	2,481.24	-	2,481.24	2,481.24	-
Highways:					
Highway Department	5,345.70	-	-	-	5,345.70
Culture and Recreation:					
Recreation	2,768.71	-	-	-	2,768.71
Heritage Commission					
Total Gifts and Donations	\$ 20,437.10	\$ 2,636.16	\$ 2,481.24	\$ 2,481.24	\$ 20,592.02
POLICE:					
Outside Detail	\$ -	\$ 265.00		\$ -	\$ 265.00
First Responder Stipend	-	4,971.42	4,971.42	-	-
Total Police	\$ -	\$ 5,236.42	\$ 4,971.42	\$ -	\$ 265.00
FIRE:					
Firefighter's Grant	\$ -	\$ 37,878.90	\$ 37,878.90	\$ -	\$ -
First Responder Stipend	-	9,114.34	9,114.34	-	-
Total Fire	\$ -	\$ 46,993.24	\$ 46,993.24	\$ -	\$ -
CONSERVATION:					
Gifts	\$ 194.70	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 194.70
Milford Grant	-	13,587.00	13,587.00	-	-
Milfoil Gifts	5,294.98	2,265.00	-	-	7,559.98
Land Use Tax	22,912.12	9,650.00		-	32,562.12
Wildlife Habitat	25,298.05			-	25,298.05
Town Forest Maintenance	44,398.00		2,047.82	2,047.82	42,350.18
Town Forest Stewardship Gifts	7,735.62	430.00		-	8,165.62
Total Conservation	\$ 105,833.47	\$ 25,932.00	\$ 15,634.82	\$ 2,047.82	\$ 116,130.65
TOTAL SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$ 140,630.13	\$ 80,797.82	\$ 70,161.25	\$ 4,529.06	\$ 151,266.70

SUMMARY INVENTORY OF PROPERTY VALUATION

	Acres	Valuation	Total
Value of Land Only			
A. Current Use (at current use values)	11,546.08	\$ 906,789	
B. Discretionary Preservation Easement	0.26	450	
C. Residential	6,215.12	283,258,400	
D. Commercial/Industrial	414.16	6,205,000	
Total of Taxable Land	18,175.62		\$ 290,370,639
Tax Exempt & Non-Taxable Land	3,437.77	14,948,100	
Value of Buildings Only			
A. Residential		317,115,201	
B. Manufactured Housing		29,602,400	
C. Commercial/Industrial		9,939,700	
D. Discretionary Preservation Easement (20 Structures)		71,499	
Total of Taxable Buildings			\$ 356,728,800
Tax Exempt and Non-Taxable Buildings		15,406,700	
Public Utilities – Value of all property used in production, transmission and distribution including production, machinery, land, land rights, easements, etc.			
Electric		5,167,000	
Total Public Utilities			\$ 5,167,000
Valuation Before Exemptions			\$ 652,266,439
Blind Exemptions RSA 72:38-b			
Total Number Granted - 0		-	
Elderly Exemptions RSA 72:39, a and b			
Total Number Granted - 3		112,000	
Disabled Exemption RSA 72:37-b			
Total Number Granted - 1		20,000	
Total Dollar Amount of Exemptions			\$ 132,000
Net Valuation on which the Tax Rate is Computed			\$ 652,134,439
Less Public Utilities			\$ (5,167,000)
Net Valuation without utilities which the Tax Rate for State Education is Computed			\$ 646,967,439

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS

Purpose	Appropriations As Voted
General Government	
Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 61,030
Election & Registration	\$ 15,000
Town Office Expense	\$ 265,285
Revaluation of Property	\$ 50,900
Legal Expense	\$ 20,000
Personnel Administration	\$ 69,515
Planning and Zoning	\$ 15,600
General Government Buildings	\$ 65,220
Cemeteries	\$ 7,725
Insurance	\$ 50,771
Lakes Region Planning Association	\$ 2,426
General Government Subtotal	\$ 623,472
Public Safety	
Police	\$ 334,231
Ambulance	\$ 93,024
Fire	\$ 185,175
Building Inspection	\$ 16,163
Emergency Management	\$ 500
Other	\$ 6,608
Public Safety Subtotal	\$ 635,701
Highways and Streets	
Highways, Streets, and Bridges	\$ 1,082,736
Bridges	\$ 55,000
Street Lighting	\$ 28,500
Highways and Streets Subtotal	\$ 1,166,236
Sanitation	
Solid Waste Disposal	\$ 265,176
Sanitation Subtotal	\$ 265,176
Health	
Administration	\$ 500
Health Agencies	\$ 17,394
Health Subtotal	\$ 17,894
Welfare	
Administration	\$ 13,150
Vendor Payments	\$ 9,000
Welfare Subtotal	\$ 22,150

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS

Culture and Recreation			
	Parks and Recreation	\$	10,875
	Library	\$	94,788
	Patriotic Purposes	\$	1,400
	Old Home Week	\$	2,000
	Heritage Commission	\$	850
	Other	\$	5,000
	Culture and Recreation Subtotal	\$	114,913
Conservation and Development			
	Administration of Natural Resources	\$	11,600
	Other Conservation	\$	47,258
	Conservation and Development Subtotal	\$	58,858
Debt Service			
	Bond Principal	\$	260,096
	Bond Interest	\$	51,069
	Debt Service Subtotal	\$	311,165
Capital Outlay			
	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment	\$	73,700
	Improvements Other than Buildings	\$	130,000
	Capital Outlay Subtotal	\$	203,700
Operating Transfers Out			
	To Capital Reserve Fund	\$	30,000
	To Expendable Trusts/Fiduciary Funds	\$	3,500
	Operating Transfers Out Subtotal	\$	33,500
	Total Voted Appropriations	\$	3,452,765

Governing Body Certification

This is to certify that the information contained in this form, appropriations actually voted by the town meeting, was taken from official records and is complete to the best of our knowledge and belief. Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined the information contained in this form and to the best of my belief it is true, correct and complete.

Freedom Board of Selectmen:
 Leslie R. Babb
 Ernest F. Day, Jr.
 Alan G. Fall

STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES

Account Description	Budgeted	Encumbrance	Expenditure	Balance Remaining
<i>Town Officer Salaries</i>				
Selectmen	18,000.00		18,000.00	0.00
Town Clerk	33,280.00		32,840.00	440.00
Treasurer	3,600.00		3,600.00	0.00
Tax Collector	6,000.00		6,000.00	0.00
Trustees of Trust Funds	150.00		150.00	0.00
	61,030.00	0.00	60,590.00	440.00
<i>Election & Registration</i>				
Workers	10,000.00		13,780.76	(3,780.76)
Supervisors	0.00		1,268.51	(1,268.51)
Printing & Advertising	3,000.00		3,212.08	(212.08)
Operating	2,000.00		1,874.32	125.68
	15,000.00	0.00	20,135.67	(5,135.67)
<i>Town Office Expenses</i>				
Selectmen's Fees	200.00		0.00	200.00
Town Clerk's Costs	4,875.00		5,206.60	(331.60)
Tax Collector Fees & Costs	20,000.00		16,964.44	3,035.56
Administrative Salary	112,000.00		113,866.40	(1,866.40)
Part-Time Salary	12,500.00		9,442.19	3,057.81
Deputy Town Clerk	5,760.00		5,522.02	237.98
Deputy Tax Collector	6,000.00		0.00	6,000.00
Retirement	3,500.00		3,608.37	(108.37)
Life/Disability Insurance	2,200.00		1,682.18	517.82
Health/Dental Insurance	41,250.00		39,087.77	2,162.23
Office Supplies	6,000.00		5,309.91	690.09
Postage	2,000.00		2,271.12	(271.12)
Training/Conferences/Meetings	1,000.00		115.00	885.00
Reimbursable Expenses	1,500.00		1,594.05	(94.05)
Computer Support	20,000.00		17,919.94	2,080.06
Dues	2,700.00		2,719.00	(19.00)
Recording Fees	100.00		200.20	(100.20)
Tax Map Updates	5,000.00		0.00	5,000.00
Professional Audit	13,000.00		13,150.00	(150.00)
Telephone	4,400.00		3,991.20	408.80
Printing & Advertising	400.00		1,597.51	(1,197.51)
Equipment Purchase	500.00		564.74	(64.74)
Bank Charges	400.00		936.50	(536.50)
	265,285.00	0.00	245,749.14	19,535.86

STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES

<i>Revaluation of Property</i>					
	Assessing	30,900.00	0.00	30,900.00	0.00
<i>Legal Expense</i>					
	Town Offices	11,000.00		7,368.62	3,631.38
	Planning Board	2,500.00		235.00	2,265.00
	Zoning Board	2,500.00		15,236.51	(12,736.51)
	Building/Zoning Enforcement	2,000.00		175.00	1,825.00
	Conservation	1,000.00		0.00	1,000.00
	Tax-Deeded	1,000.00		1,379.90	(379.90)
	Personnel	0.00		2,537.50	(2,537.50)
		20,000.00	0.00	26,932.53	(6,932.53)
<i>Payroll Taxes</i>					
	FICA	56,000.00		39,693.79	16,306.21
	Medicare	13,000.00		9,555.91	3,444.09
		69,000.00	0.00	49,249.70	19,750.30
<i>Planning & Zoning</i>					
	Part-Time Salary	1,750.00		954.24	795.76
	Expenses	4,550.00		5,009.66	(459.66)
		6,300.00	0.00	5,963.90	336.10
<i>Zoning Officer</i>					
	Part-Time Salary	9,000.00		9,645.59	(645.59)
	Expenses	300.00		161.83	138.17
		9,300.00	0.00	9,807.42	(507.42)
<i>Town Buildings</i>					
	Part-Time Salary	10,300.00		8,195.00	2,105.00
	Operating Expenses	37,420.00		27,403.68	10,016.32
	Village Fire Maintenance	500.00		500.00	0.00
	Town Office Maintenance/Repair	5,000.00		3,629.94	1,370.06
	Town Hall Maintenance/Repair	8,000.00	1,625.00	4,067.74	5,557.26
	Public Safety Building Maintenance/Repair	4,000.00		3,047.00	953.00
		65,220.00	1,625.00	46,843.36	20,001.64
<i>Cemeteries</i>					
	Expenses	7,725.00	0.00	6,545.00	1,180.00
<i>Insurance</i>					
	Unemployment Compensation	515.00		(519.92)	1,034.92
	Worker's Compensation	22,838.00		19,196.04	3,641.96
	Property-Liability	27,933.00		27,746.42	186.58
		51,286.00	0.00	46,422.54	4,863.46

STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES

<i>Advertising & Regional Associations</i>					
	Lakes Region Planning	2,426.00	0.00	2,370.00	56.00
<i>Emergency Management</i>					
	Expenses	500.00	0.00	0.00	500.00
<i>Police Department</i>					
	Full-Time Salaries	160,500.00		158,109.71	2,390.29
	GOFERR Grant Reimbursement	0.00		(32,228.96)	32,228.96
	Part-Time Salaries	52,000.00		44,017.42	7,982.58
	Holiday	6,088.00		5,926.16	161.84
	Retirement	48,500.00		43,323.80	5,176.20
	Life/Disability Insurance	618.00		733.50	(115.50)
	Health/Dental Insurance	31,175.00		31,171.20	3.80
	Office Supplies	1,000.00		764.87	235.13
	Operating Supplies	500.00		170.19	329.81
	Uniforms	1,500.00		1,245.06	254.94
	Computer Support	4,000.00		3,082.87	917.13
	Meetings	200.00		0.00	200.00
	Training	500.00		70.00	430.00
	Telephone	3,600.00		4,024.03	(424.03)
	Gas/Oil	9,000.00		2,502.24	6,497.76
	Vehicle Maintenance/Repair	6,000.00		3,169.42	2,830.58
	Radio & Equipment Maintenance/Repair	2,500.00		347.34	2,152.66
	Equipment Purchase	5,000.00		5,132.59	(132.59)
	Animal Control	250.00		500.00	(250.00)
	LEAD	1,300.00		0.00	1,300.00
		334,231.00	0.00	272,061.44	62,169.56
<i>Fire Department</i>					
	Full-Time Salary	66,040.00		66,020.00	20.00
	Part-Time Station Duty	3,000.00		0.00	3,000.00
	Stipend for Response	35,000.00		36,272.68	(1,272.68)
	Retirement	1,985.00		2,010.60	(25.60)
	Life/Disability Insurance	900.00		882.00	18.00
	Health/Dental Insurance	3,600.00		3,600.00	0.00
	Office Expense	4,000.00		3,163.03	836.97
	Training/Conferences/Meetings	2,500.00		357.00	2,143.00
	Turn Out Gear	7,000.00		10,241.95	(3,241.95)
	Mutual Aid Dues	6,000.00		6,000.00	0.00
	Telephone	1,200.00		1,308.05	(108.05)
	Gas/Oil/Diesel	3,500.00		2,603.01	896.99
	Dry Hydrants	1,000.00		0.00	1,000.00

STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES

	Repairs & Maintenance	31,550.00		21,899.21	9,650.79
	Radio & Equipment Maint/Repair	3,000.00		2,757.70	242.30
	Equipment Purchase	5,000.00		12,026.83	(7,026.83)
	First Responders	4,500.00		5,909.86	(1,409.86)
	Operating	2,400.00		850.52	1,549.48
		182,175.00	0.00	175,902.44	6,272.56
<i>Forest Fire Protection</i>					
	Part-Time Labor	1,000.00		1,395.04	(395.04)
	Equipment Purchase	2,000.00		0.00	2,000.00
		3,000.00	0.00	1,395.04	1,604.96
<i>Water Precinct</i>					
	Hydrants	400.00		400.00	0.00
<i>Building Inspector</i>					
	Part-Time Salary	12,875.00		8,404.50	4,470.50
	Operating Expenses	3,288.00		2,514.10	773.90
		16,163.00	0.00	10,918.60	5,244.40
<i>Dam Operations</i>					
	Ossipee Lake Dam Authority	6,208.00	0.00	6,206.89	1.11
<i>Highway Maintenance</i>					
	<i>Summer:</i>				
	Labor	134,916.00		79,075.80	55,840.20
	Materials	43,638.00		1,820.55	41,817.45
	Signs & Signals	4,000.00		2,433.22	1,566.78
	Contract Services	28,038.00		38,883.52	(10,845.52)
	Road Striping	6,850.00		0.00	6,850.00
	Rental Equipment	48,440.00		17,069.70	31,370.30
		265,882.00	0.00	139,282.79	126,599.21
	<i>Winter:</i>				
	Labor	160,412.00		126,539.41	33,872.59
	Materials	85,500.00		70,585.99	14,914.01
	Rental Equipment	106,892.00		84,687.00	22,205.00
	Village Snow Removal	1,400.00		0.00	1,400.00
		354,204.00	0.00	281,812.40	72,391.60
	<i>General:</i>				
	General Highway Expense	141,170.00		88,706.95	52,463.05
	Retirement	6,800.00		4,250.39	2,549.61
	Life/Disability Insurance	4,500.00		3,801.07	698.93
	Health/Dental Insurance	87,930.00		83,335.76	4,594.24
		240,400.00	0.00	180,094.17	60,305.83

STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES

<i>Street Lighting</i>					
	Expenses	12,000.00		6,536.46	5,463.54
<i>Transfer Station</i>					
	Full-Time Salary	47,000.00		46,353.73	646.27
	Part-Time Salaries	20,000.00		25,789.50	(5,789.50)
	Retirement	1,410.00		1,447.82	(37.82)
	Life/Disability Insurance	885.00		1,089.50	(204.50)
	Health/Dental Insurance	20,120.00		20,119.92	0.08
	Uniforms	1,500.00		1,528.49	(28.49)
	Engineering	8,000.00		10,785.00	(2,785.00)
	Supplies	100.00		109.84	(9.84)
	Utilities/Maintenance	14,450.00		7,378.99	7,071.01
	Transfer Fees	148,338.00		154,793.90	(6,455.90)
	Household Hazardous Waste Fee	2,673.00		2,673.00	0.00
	Operating Expenses	700.00		889.79	(189.79)
		265,176.00	0.00	272,959.48	(7,783.48)
<i>Health Officer</i>					
	Part-Time Salary	400.00		108.50	291.50
	Expenses	100.00		80.50	19.50
		500.00	0.00	189.00	311.00
<i>Health & Social Services</i>					
	Ambulance	19,765.00		19,764.72	0.28
	Carroll County Mental Health	1,433.00		1,433.00	0.00
	Children Unlimited	2,000.00		2,000.00	0.00
	Community Action Program	4,000.00		4,000.00	0.00
	White Mountain Comm. Health	1,960.00		1,960.00	0.00
	Central NH VNA	2,500.00		2,500.00	0.00
	Starting Point	2,329.00		2,329.00	0.00
	Red Cross	1,300.00		1,300.00	0.00
	CASA	500.00		500.00	0.00
	Ossipee Children's Fund	1,000.00		1,000.00	0.00
	Lifeflight Foundation	372.00		372.00	0.00
		37,159.00	0.00	37,158.72	0.28
<i>General Assistance</i>					
	Part-Time Salary	2,000.00		0.00	2,000.00
	General Assistance	4,000.00		4,220.95	(220.95)
	Food Pantry	5,000.00		5,000.00	0.00
		11,000.00	0.00	9,220.95	1,779.05
<i>Parks & Recreation</i>					

STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES

	Operating Expenses	10,875.00	0.00	8,286.64	2,588.36
<i>Patriotic Purposes</i>					
	Expenses	1,400.00		708.32	691.68
	Old Home Week	2,000.00		0.00	2,000.00
		3,400.00	0.00	708.32	2,691.68
<i>Heritage Commission</i>					
	Operating Expenses	850.00	0.00	50.00	800.00
<i>Aquatic Invasive Species</i>					
	Administration	750.00	0.00	440.65	309.35
<i>Conservation Commission</i>					
	Administration	2,100.00		1,248.00	852.00
	Water Quality Testing	3,000.00		3,000.00	0.00
		5,100.00	0.00	4,248.00	852.00
<i>Debt Services</i>					
	Bond Principal - PSB	70,000.00		70,000.00	0.00
	Lease Principal - Tank Truck	65,096.00		65,096.00	0.00
	Bond Principal - Road	125,000.00		125,000.00	0.00
		260,096.00	0.00	260,096.00	0.00
<i>Interest Expense</i>					
	Bond Interest - PSB	4,200.00		4,200.00	0.00
	Lease Interest - Tank Truck	5,444.00		5,444.00	0.00
	Bond Interest - Road	41,425.00		41,425.00	0.00
		51,069.00	0.00	51,069.00	0.00
<i>Capital Outlay / Individual Articles</i>					
	Police - Cruiser	52,000.00		51,830.52	169.48
	Police - MDTs	21,700.00		21,700.00	0.00
	Highway - Gravel Crushing	41,250.00		41,250.00	0.00
	Highway - Reclaim Swett Hill	13,000.00		0.00	13,000.00
	Highway - Hot Top	99,000.00		0.00	99,000.00
	Highway - Sealing	52,000.00		0.00	52,000.00
	Highway - Crack & Seal	17,000.00		0.00	17,000.00
	Highway - Winter Sand Storage Bldg.	75,000.00		0.00	75,000.00
	Danforth Bay Bridge Construction Administration	55,000.00		55,000.00	0.00
	NH Lake Host Program	3,500.00		3,500.00	0.00
	FAC - Forest Maintenance	3,000.00		40.32	2,959.68
	FAC - Forester	3,000.00		2,007.50	992.50
	FAISC - Milfoil Removal	46,508.00		35,016.50	11,491.50
	Ambulance Services	73,259.00		73,258.47	0.53

STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES

	Historical Society	2,000.00		2,000.00	0.00
	Library	94,788.00		94,788.00	0.00
	Senior Resource Coordinator	11,150.00		546.00	10,604.00
	Statistical Update	20,000.00		20,000.00	0.00
	Street Lighting Retrofit	16,500.00		16,500.00	0.00
	Town Office Advisory Committee	40,000.00		0.00	40,000.00
	Town Hall - Furnace	15,000.00		13,000.00	2,000.00
		754,655.00	0.00	430,437.31	324,217.69
<i>Capital Reserves</i>					
	Police Department	10,000.00		10,000.00	0.00
	Highway Department	10,000.00		10,000.00	0.00
	Municipal Land & Building	10,000.00		10,000.00	0.00
		30,000.00	0.00	30,000.00	0.00
<i>Expendable Trust Funds</i>					
	Library	3,500.00		3,500.00	0.00
<i>Totals</i>		3,452,765.00	1,625.00	2,734,483.56	719,906.44

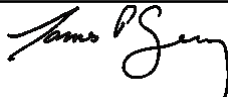


Tax Rate Breakdown Freedom

Municipal Tax Rate Calculation			
Jurisdiction	Tax Effort	Valuation	Tax Rate
Municipal	\$2,377,785	\$652,134,439	\$3.65
County	\$686,381	\$652,134,439	\$1.05
Local Education	\$2,786,710	\$652,134,439	\$4.27
State Education	\$1,098,615	\$646,967,439	\$1.70
Total	\$6,949,491		\$10.67

Village Tax Rate Calculation			
Jurisdiction	Tax Effort	Valuation	Tax Rate
Freedom Village Water	\$0	\$18,026,966	\$0.00
Total	\$0		\$0.00

Tax Commitment Calculation	
Total Municipal Tax Effort	\$6,949,491
War Service Credits	(\$28,800)
Village District Tax Effort	\$0
Total Property Tax Commitment	\$6,920,691

 James P. Gerry Director of Municipal and Property Division New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration	11/12/2020
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Appropriations and Revenues

Municipal Accounting Overview

Description	Appropriation	Revenue
Total Appropriation	\$3,452,765	
Net Revenues (Not Including Fund Balance)		(\$1,009,704)
Fund Balance Voted Surplus		\$0
Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes		(\$100,000)
War Service Credits	\$28,800	
Special Adjustment	\$0	
Actual Overlay Used	\$5,924	
Net Required Local Tax Effort	\$2,377,785	

County Apportionment

Description	Appropriation	Revenue
Net County Apportionment	\$686,381	
Net Required County Tax Effort	\$686,381	

Education

Description	Appropriation	Revenue
Net Local School Appropriations	\$3,885,325	
Net Cooperative School Appropriations	\$0	
Net Education Grant		\$0
Locally Retained State Education Tax		(\$1,098,615)
Net Required Local Education Tax Effort	\$2,786,710	
State Education Tax	\$1,098,615	
State Education Tax Not Retained	\$0	
Net Required State Education Tax Effort	\$1,098,615	

Valuation

Municipal (MS-1)

Description	Current Year	Prior Year
Total Assessment Valuation with Utilities	\$652,134,439	\$495,298,054
Total Assessment Valuation without Utilities	\$646,967,439	\$491,199,554
Commercial/Industrial Construction Exemption	\$0	\$0
Total Assessment Valuation with Utilities, Less Commercial/Industrial Construction Exemption	\$652,134,439	\$495,298,054

Village (MS-1V)

Description	Current Year
Freedom Village Water	\$18,026,966

Freedom

Tax Commitment Verification

2020 Tax Commitment Verification - RSA 76:10 II

Description	Amount
Total Property Tax Commitment	\$6,920,691
1/2% Amount	\$34,603
Acceptable High	\$6,955,294
Acceptable Low	\$6,886,088

If the amount of your total warrant varies by more than 1/2%, the MS-1 form used to calculate the tax rate might not be correct. The tax rate will need to be recalculated. Contact your assessors immediately and call us at 603.230.5090 before you issue the bills. See RSA 76:10, II

Commitment Amount	
Less amount for any applicable Tax Increment Financing Districts (TIF)	
Net amount after TIF adjustment	

Under penalties of perjury, I verify the amount above was the 2020 commitment amount on the property tax warrant.

Tax Collector/Deputy Signature:	Date:
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Requirements for Semi-Annual Billing

Pursuant to RSA 76:15-a

76:15-a Semi-Annual Collection of Taxes in Certain Towns and Cities - I. Taxes shall be collected in the following manner in towns and cities which adopt the provisions of this section in the manner set out in RSA 76:15-b. A partial payment of the taxes assessed on April 1 in any tax year shall be computed by taking the prior year's assessed valuation times 1/2 of the previous year's tax rate; provided, however, that whenever it shall appear to the selectmen or assessors that certain individual properties have physically changed in valuation, they may use the current year's appraisal times 1/2 the previous year's tax rate to compute the partial payment.

Freedom	Total Tax Rate	Semi-Annual Tax Rate
Total 2020 Tax Rate	\$10.67	\$5.34
Associated Villages		
Freedom Village Water	\$0.00	\$0.00

Fund Balance Retention

Enterprise Funds and Current Year Bonds	\$0
General Fund Operating Expenses	\$8,024,471
Final Overlay	\$5,924

DRA has provided a reference range of fund balance retention amounts below. Please utilize these ranges in the determination of the adequacy of your municipality's unrestricted fund balance, as currently defined in GASB Statement 54. Retention amounts, as part of the municipality's stabilization fund policy [1], should be assessed dependent upon your governments own long-term forecasts and special circumstances. Please note that current best practices published by GFOA recommend, at a minimum, that "...general purpose governments, regardless of size, maintain unrestricted fund balance in their general fund of no less than two months of regular general fund operating revenues or regular general fund operating expenditures." [2],[3]

[1] The National Advisory Council on State and Local Budgeting (NACSLB), (1998), *Framework for Improved State and Local Government Budgeting: Recommended Budget Practices (4.1)*, pg. 17.

[2] Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA), (2015), *Best Practice: Fund Balance Guidelines for the General Fund.*

[3] Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA), (2011), *Best Practice: Replenishing General Fund Balance.*

2020 Fund Balance Retention Guidelines: Freedom	
Description	Amount
Current Amount Retained (16.45%)	\$1,320,063
17% Retained <i>(Maximum Recommended)</i>	\$1,364,160
10% Retained	\$802,447
8% Retained	\$641,958
5% Retained <i>(Minimum Recommended)</i>	\$401,224

TOWN OWNED EQUIPMENT

In Excess of \$1,000

Highway Department

2018 Ford F-550 One Ton
2016 Ford F550 One Ton
2013 International All Wheel Drive
2012 Chevy Tahoe
1985 GMC Tank Truck
2014 Cat 924K Loader
2014 Cat 420 Backhoe (Used at Transfer Station)
2011 Cat 140M2 Motor Grader
2019 Hi-Way 10' 6 yd stainless steel sander
2018 Hi-Way 4 yd stainless steel sander
2017 Hi-Way 6.5 yd stainless steel sander
2016 Hi-Way 4yd stainless steels sander
2006 Hi-Way 12' stainless steel sander
1999 Shoulder Gravel Machine
1994 Billy Goat
1992 Morbark Chipper
1991 MB Sweeper
1963 York Rake
2011 Pressure Washer
Miller Generator/Welder

Transfer Station

3 Hydraulic Compactors, 5 Containers
12' Snowpusher
Ariens 28" Professional Snowblower

Police Department

2020 Chevrolet Tahoe
2018 Ford F-150
2016 Ford Explorer
2 Axon Taser 7 Units
2 Kustom Golden Eagle II Radar units
3 Mobile Motorola Astro Digital Radio
2007 Polaris Ranger 6x6
Stationary Radar Unit
3 RhinoTab M1 Mobile Data Transmitters

Fire Department

2017 HME Fire Truck
2012 International Tank Truck
2013 Chevy Tahoe
2011 Ford F550 One Ton (Fire only)
2006 F550 Ford Forestry Truck
2000 F550 Ford Rescue Truck
1989 Mack Fire Truck
1926 Seagrave Fire Truck
2004 Portable Deck Gun
1996 Stinger Deck Gun
2006 (23) XTS 2500i Portable Radios
2004 (4) Motorola Astro Digital Radios
1996 100-Watt Kenwood Radio
2020 Sava Tech Air Bag System
2020 Holmatro Cutter
2020 Holmatro Spreader
2020 Holmatro Combi Tool
2020 Holmatro Ram
2020 Stabilizer Lifting Bracket
2020 Windshield Cutter & Accessories
2004 Stabilization Kit
MSA 5500 Thermal Imaging Camera
2020 MSA 6000 Thermal Imaging Camera
14 MSA Airpacks
Honda Generator
2007 13,000-watt Honda Generator
10,000-Watt Diesel Generator
2 MSA Multi Gas Meter
2 Darley Portable Pumps
2000 275-Gallon Forestry Skid Unit
2002 450-Gallon Forestry Skid Unit
2007 75-gallon Skid Unit with Pump/Reel
2020 Kawasaki Mule Pro-FXT EPS UTV
2006 Akron Hose Tester
2007 Can Am 4x4 ATV
2007 Polaris Ranger 6x6
2007 315PSI Forestry Pump
2006 120GPM Forestry Pump
Phillips 12 Lead Cardiac Monitor
1998 Positive Pressure Fan
2008 Rescue Sled
3000-Watt Light Tower
Extractor
RAD 57
Remote Light
Lucas Auto Pulse
Alaris Med System 3 IV Pump

TOWN OWNED PROPERTY SCHEDULE

Assessed Values
As of December 31, 2020

Town Hall, Land and Building.....	\$553,900
Town Office, Land and Building.....	328,900
Public Safety Building and Land.....	955,000
Roller Shed, Land and Building.....	32,700
Library, Land and Buildings	492,000
Highway Department, Land and Buildings	230,000
Transfer/Recycling Facility, Land and Buildings	95,100
Parks, Commons, Playgrounds and Beaches	875,400
Schools, Land and Building	3,990,500
Conservation Commission	729,300
Trout Pond Town Forest.....	2,656,700
All Land Acquired Through Tax Collectors Deed.....	568,200
All Other Property:	
Backland off Cushing Corner Road	
abuts Morrow/Hayes – Owners Uncertain	48,300
abuts Danforth Pond/Ossipee Lake Road.....	71,200
	\$11,627,200

SCHOOL DISTRICT LIABILITY

Liability at Beginning of Year.....	\$1,161,850
Assessment for Current Year	\$3,885,325
 Total Liability within Current Year	 \$5,047,175
 Payments made to School District	 \$3,911,850
Liability at End of Year	\$1,135,325
 Total.....	 \$5,047,175

DEBT AMORTIZATION SCHEDULE

Purpose: Public Safety Building

2021 Installment	\$70,000
Interest Rate	3.00%
Date of Final Payment	8/15/2021
Bonds o/s at beginning of year	\$140,000
Bonds issued this year	\$0
Bonds Retired this year	\$0
Bonds o/s at end of year	\$70,000

Annual requirements to amortize all general obligation
(debt as of 12/31/20)

Year	Principal	Rate	Interest	Total
2021	\$70,000	3.00%	\$2,100	\$72,100
Total	\$70,000		\$2,100	\$72,100

Purpose: Ossipee Lake & Bennett Roads

2021 Installment	\$125,000
Interest Rate	5.02%
Date of Final Payment	8/15/2026
Bonds o/s at beginning of year	\$750,000
Bonds issued this year	\$0
Bonds Retired this year	\$0
Bonds o/s at end of year	\$625,000

Annual requirements to amortize all general obligation
(debt as of 12/31/20)

Year	Principal	Rate	Interest	Total
2021	\$125,000	5.02%	\$35,150	\$160,150
2022	\$125,000	5.02%	\$28,875	\$153,875
2023	\$125,000	4.02%	\$22,600	\$147,600
2024	\$125,000	4.02%	\$17,575	\$142,575
2025	\$125,000	5.02%	\$12,550	\$137,550
2026	\$125,000	5.02%	\$6,275	\$131,275
Total	\$750,000		\$123,025	\$873,025

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT
TOWN OF FREEDOM, NEW HAMPSHIRE
(January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020)

Report of Revenue Received

2885 Motor Vehicle Permits Issued	\$ 430,239.33
129 Dog Licenses	695.50
59 Vital Copies	735.00
5 Marriage Licenses	250.00
Facilities Permits	180.00
Postage	49.50
Pole Line Easements	10.00
State - UCC filings	735.00
Dog License Late Charges	40.00
State: Checklist Copies	275.00
State Office Filing Fees	<u>4.00</u>
TOTAL:	\$ 433,213.33

Respectfully submitted,

A. Elizabeth Priebe, Town Clerk

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT SUMMARY OF TAX ACCOUNTS

Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2020

DEBITS

Uncollected Taxes Beginning of Fiscal Year:			
	2019	2018	
Property Taxes	\$320,711.95	\$254.76	
Land Use Change Taxes	5,500.00	0.00	
Timber Yield Taxes.....	0.00	0.00	
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd	0.00	0.00	
Prior Years' Credit Balance.....	0.00	0.00	
This Year's New Credits	0.00	0.00	
Tax Committed This Year:			
	2020	2019	2018
Property Taxes	\$6,937,610.28	\$3,727.00	0.00
Land Use Changes	15,650.00	0.00	0.00
Timber Yield Taxes.....	20,231.18	730.81	0.00
Excavation Tax	0.00	0.00	0.00
Overpayment:			
	2020	2019	2018
Credits Refunded	\$29,652.64	0.00	0.00
Interest – Late Tax.....	3,050.06	11,885.59	63.92
TOTAL DEBTS	\$7,006,194.16	\$342,555.35	\$318.68

CREDITS

Remitted to Treasurer During Fiscal Year:			
	2020	2019	2018
Property Taxes	\$6,683,433.01	\$207,030.51	\$193.76
Land Use Change Taxes	15,650.00	5,500.00	0.00
Timber Yield Taxes.....	20,231.18	730.81	0.00
Interest	2,915.06	6,772.59	25.92
Penalties	135.00	5,113.00	38.00
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd	0.00	0.00	0.00
Converted to Liens (principal only).....	0.00	113,474.44	0.00
Prior Year Overpayments Assigned	0.00	0.00	0.00
Abatements Made:			
	2020	2019	2018
Property Taxes	\$7,758.28	\$3,543.00	0.00
Land Use Change Taxes	0.00	0.00	0.00
Timber Yield Taxes.....	0.00	0.00	0.00
Current Levy Deeded.....	711.00	0.00	0.00
Uncollected Revenue End of Year:			
	2020	2019	2018
Property Taxes	\$276,071.63	\$391.00	\$61.00
Land Use Change Tax	5,500.00	0.00	0.00
Timber Tax Yield.....	0.00	0.00	0.00
Excavation Tax	0.00	0.00	0.00
Property Tax Credit Balance	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL CREDITS	\$7,006,194.16	\$342,555.35	\$318.68

Respectfully Submitted,
Annette Babb
Tax Collector

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

SUMMARY OF TAX SALES / TAX LIEN ACCOUNTS Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2020

Levies of:

DEBITS	2019	2018	2017
Unredeemed Liens			
Beginning of Fiscal Year	\$0.00.....	\$60,116.40	\$36,771.21
Liens Executed During FY	121,148.63.....	\$0.00	0.00
Interest and Costs Collected.....	3,005.03.....	5,539.41	9,280.03
TOTAL LIEN DEBITS.....	\$124,153.66.....	\$65,655.81	\$46,051.24

CREDITS

Remitted to Treasurer:

Redemptions	\$52,149.42.....	\$21,096.64	\$19,047.70
Interest & Costs Collected	3,005.03.....	5,539.41	9,280.03
Abatements of Unredeemed Liens	0.00.....	0.00	0.00
Liens Deeded to Municipality	0.00.....	0.00	0.00
Unredeemed Lien balance End of FY ...	68,999.21.....	39,019.76	17,723.51
TOTAL LIEN CREDITS	\$124,153.66.....	\$65,655.81	\$46,051.24

Respectfully Submitted,
Annette Babb
Tax Collector

ABATEMENTS

Name	Location	Tax Year(s)	Amount
Aucoin, Joseph G. and Gail	Map 24, Lot 7-01	2019	\$3,543.00
Kemper, David & Kerri	Map 8, Lot 28	2019	1,052.00
Northern New England Tele. Co.	Map 80, Lot 4	2019	78.72
Enaire, Joseph & Diane	Map 60, Lot 1-N45	2020	191.00
Harris, L. Howard & Frank	Map 60, Lot 1-YAD14	2020	37.00
David, Otis & Janis	Map 60, Lot 1-YZE08	2020	107.00
Kelley, Linda & Roberts, Greg	Map 57, Lot 10	2020	1,289.00
Mosley, Samantha & Piccirillo, Megan	Map 31, Lot 24	2020	3,951.00
Kelley, Linda & Roberts, Greg	Map 57, Lot 47	2020	1,280.00
Cherry, William D. & Holly B.	Map 34, Lot 47	2020	940.00

TREASURER'S REPORT

At the time of the printing of this report, the Treasurer's Report was not available due to circumstances out of our control. A supplemental report will be included as an addendum to the annual report when it is available.

TOWN EMPLOYEES

Fire Department		
	Rob Cunio	\$ 67,020.00
	Jeff LeDuc	800.00
	Jonathan Powers	480.00
Highway Department		
	Lance Bolduc	\$ 59,291.76
	Scott Brooks, Sr.	22,897.10
	Michael D'Andrea	5,284.25
	Ernest Day, Jr.	140.25
	Ken Derouin	5,434.00
	Jim MacDonald	59,490.50
	JP McVitty	272.25
	Rob Rand	44,987.50
	Dalton Varney	17,394.50
Police Department		
	Michael Bedley	\$ 6,775.00
	Joseph Duchesne	4,831.50
	Tyler Eldridge	1,033.00
	Robert King	19,775.00
	Michael Mosher	5,510.00
	James Mullen	6,409.00
	Josh Shackford	90,116.09
	Matt Tyler	82,670.43
Transfer Station		
	Justin Brooks	\$ 48,259.29
	Raymond Johnson	1,328.00
	George Stone	24,461.50
Office		
	Emily Fournier	\$ 14.00
	John Roman	10,139.94
	Ellen White	73,659.18
	Janice Zecher	41,284.13
Building Inspector		
	David Senecal	\$ 8,404.50
Zoning Officer		
	Alan Fall	\$ 364.25
	Don Harris	2,549.76
	Eric Whitehouse	6,627.00
PB/FAISC/FAC/FCC		
	Stacy Bolduc	\$ 147.50
	Melissa Donaldson	1,146.25
ZBA		
	Janice Zecher	\$ 724.50
Facilities Custodian		
	Mark McKinley	\$ 8,674.79
Health Officer		
	Frank Evitts	\$ 263.50
Senior Resource Coordinator		
	Cailee Mickle	\$ 915.00

STIPENDS

Fire/Rescue

George Boewe, Jr.	\$	2,504.63
Justin Brooks		4,103.41
Robert Brown		111.15
Rob Cunio		2,485.71
Jason Daggett		1,232.63
Todd Desmarais, Jr.		3,353.20
Michael Eldridge, Jr.		5,000.34
Cameron Emmett		163.05
David Farinella		1,200.02
Charles Hatfield		1,111.96
Hunter Herlihy		916.30
Daniel Jones		2,094.73
Stephen Jones		793.67
JP McVitty		52.36
Keegan Nason		364.16
Timothy Powers		2,122.29
Laurel Roberts		1,980.57
Timothy Roberts		1,311.63
Eric Seamans		4,900.75
Cody Sprouse		464.54
James Stone		5,255.77
Christopher Vittum		2,592.15

Forest Fire

Justin Brooks	\$	75.78
Rob Cunio		168.94
Michael Eldridge, Jr.		88.41
Cameron Emmett		49.46
Charles Hatfield		76.93
Hunter Herlihy		49.46
JP McVitty		138.94
Eric Seamans		145.25
James Stone		49.46

TOWN OFFICIALS

	Salary	Costs/Fees	Expenses	Total
Selectmen				
Leslie R. Babb	\$ 6,000.00		\$ 379.50	\$ 6,379.50
Ernest F. Day, Jr.	6,000.00		616.00	6,616.00
Alan G. Fall	6,000.00		35.88	6,035.88
Town Clerk				
A. Elizabeth Priebe	\$ 33,280.00		\$ 3,047.17	\$ 36,327.17
Deputy Town Clerk				
Emily Fournier	\$ 4,699.02		\$ 220.00	\$ 4,919.02
Abigail Hidden	122.00			122.00
Tammy Nason	269.00		231.00	500.00
Carol Stansell	432.00			432.00
Tax Collector				
Annette Babb	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 9,425.00	\$ 348.67	\$ 15,773.67
Moderator				
Don Johnson			\$ 984.35	\$ 984.35
Supervisors of the Checklist				
Daniel Brooks			\$ 1,081.13	\$ 1,081.13
Patricia McCoy			1,837.80	1,837.80
Carol Stansell			1,127.76	1,127.76
Treasurer				
M. Jayne Britton	\$ 3,600.00			\$ 3,600.00
Trustees of Trust Funds				
Anne Cunningham	\$ 50.00		\$ 275.08	\$ 325.08
Patricia McCoy	50.00			50.00
Paul Olzerowicz	50.00			50.00

TRUSTEE OF THE TRUST FUNDS REPORT

The year 2020 has been challenging in many ways. One such development is investment returns on trust funds have fallen throughout the year.

The trustees have the responsibility to develop an investment strategy and select investments that meet that strategy. For many years, the strategy was to take almost no risk—investing in fully securitized cash-based investments that guaranteed principal protection and produced low returns (0.03% in 2017).

In January 2018, the trustees moved the funds into the New Hampshire Public Deposit Investment Fund (PDIP). The legislature founded PDIP in 1993 pursuant to RSA 383:22-24. The NH Banking Commission runs PDIP with the assistance of an advisory committee. It has a AAA Standard and Poor's rating and was created to provide safety, liquidity, and a competitive return for municipal funds.

The change to PDIP significantly raised average annual returns on the funds in 2018 and 2019 (1.9% and 2.2% respectively). Returns reached a high of 2.43% in February 2019. In 2020, the annual average return dropped to 0.06% and is now at 0.02% with only an expectation that rates might recover. (The Federal Reserve Bank has advised investors it has no plans to raise its rates for the next two years.)

Given this rate environment, the trustees began to look for options for investing the funds. Many NH banks offer managed investments, which may increase the returns. An important part of this approach is to invest some funds not needed in two or more years into longer-term maturities that provide higher earnings.

Currently, the trustees do not feel they have the information necessary to move forward with this approach. In 2021, the trustees plan to develop a better understanding of the timing for use of funds under their care so they can evaluate alternative investment strategies.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Cunningham
Patricia McCoy
Paul Olzerowicz

REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS (MS-9)
 TOWN OF FREEDOM, NH
 December 31, 2020

DATE	COMMON TRUST	NAME OF TRUST FUND	PURPOSE	BALANCE START OF YEAR	PRINCIPAL		BALANCE END OF YEAR	CURRENT YEAR INCOME	INCOME EXPENDED DURING YEAR	BALANCE ADDED TO PRIN	TOTAL NEW PRINCIPAL
					NEW FUNDS	EXPENDED DURING YEAR					
1919	Nancy Skillings		Cem P/C	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.63	0.63	0.00	100.00
1919	Nancy Burns		All	200.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	1.26	1.26	0.00	200.00
1922	Lord & Fowler			200.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	1.26	1.26	0.00	200.00
1922	Eliza A Alley			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.63	0.63	0.00	100.00
1924	Ina E Foss			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.63	0.63	0.00	100.00
1924	Metcaif & Cushing			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.63	0.63	0.00	100.00
1924	M C & Stephen Allard			150.00	0.00	0.00	150.00	0.94	0.94	0.00	150.00
1924	Edward H Nason			210.00	0.00	0.00	210.00	1.32	1.32	0.00	210.00
1925	A R & Lilla Bennett			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.63	0.63	0.00	100.00
1927	F W Towle			500.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	3.14	3.14	0.00	500.00
1927	Parsons Yard			700.00	0.00	0.00	700.00	4.40	4.40	0.00	700.00
1927	J C Libby & V H Connors Lots			500.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	3.14	3.14	0.00	500.00
1928	John W Smith			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.63	0.63	0.00	100.00
1928	Jennie Meserve			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.63	0.63	0.00	100.00
1932	James Wood			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.63	0.63	0.00	100.00
1935	George W Chase			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.63	0.63	0.00	100.00
1937	Joseph H Corson			50.00	0.00	0.00	50.00	0.31	0.31	0.00	50.00
1937	Hulda J Downing			200.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	1.26	1.26	0.00	200.00
1938	Godfrey Fund			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.63	0.63	0.00	100.00
1939	Frank P Corson			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.63	0.63	0.00	100.00
1939	Lavinia F Farnsworth			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.63	0.63	0.00	100.00
1939	Howard B Moulton			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.63	0.63	0.00	100.00
1940	Ellen Mitchen			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.63	0.63	0.00	100.00
1941	Stevens, Sweetser, Marston, Harmon			450.00	0.00	0.00	450.00	2.83	2.83	0.00	450.00
1943	Jessie Drew			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.63	0.63	0.00	100.00
1948	Jessie S Allard			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.63	0.63	0.00	100.00
1952	Minnie R Towle			112.00	0.00	0.00	112.00	0.70	0.70	0.00	112.00
1952	John J Giles			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.63	0.63	0.00	100.00
1953	Carrie B Moses			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.63	0.63	0.00	100.00
1957	Minnie A Eastman			200.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	1.26	1.26	0.00	200.00
1957	F M Meloon & J M Parsons			200.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	1.26	1.26	0.00	200.00
1958	Elsie M Thurston			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.63	0.63	0.00	100.00
1958	Ernest A Leavitt			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.63	0.63	0.00	100.00
1958	Kezar Cemetery Fund			200.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	1.26	1.26	0.00	200.00
1958	Moulton Cemetery			200.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	1.26	1.26	0.00	200.00
1959	George & Alfredda Hayes			200.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	1.26	1.26	0.00	200.00
SUBTOTAL Page 1				6,272.00	0.00	0.00	6,272.00	39.44	39.44	0.00	6,272.00

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TOWN OF FREEDOM, NH
December 31, 2020

DATE	NAME OF TRUST FUND	PURPOSE	BALANCE START OF YEAR	PRINCIPAL		BALANCE END OF YEAR	CURRENT YEAR INCOME	INCOME EXPENDED DURING YEAR	BALANCE		TOTAL NEW PRINCIPAL
				NEW FUNDS	EXPENDED DURING YEAR				ADDED TO	PRIN	
	COMMON TRUST:										
1960	Chester H Drake	Cam P/C	500.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	3.14	3.14	0.00	0.00	500.00
1963	Emelie P Holmgren	All	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.63	0.63	0.00	0.00	100.00
1963	Charles H Watts		450.00	0.00	0.00	450.00	2.83	2.83	0.00	0.00	450.00
1963	Nelson C Works		100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.63	0.63	0.00	0.00	100.00
1965	Giles Lot - Swetts Hill		100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.63	0.63	0.00	0.00	100.00
1965	Cutting Lot		100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.63	0.63	0.00	0.00	100.00
1965	Andrews Lot		200.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	1.26	1.26	0.00	0.00	200.00
1966	Lord Cemetery		2,000.00	0.00	0.00	2,000.00	12.58	12.58	0.00	0.00	2,000.00
1966	Florence Seymore		500.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	3.14	3.14	0.00	0.00	500.00
1968	John Works		100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.63	0.63	0.00	0.00	100.00
1968	John C & Marie Lee		100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.63	0.63	0.00	0.00	100.00
1968	Jesse Nason & Beck Lot		100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.63	0.63	0.00	0.00	100.00
1969	Albert Phinney		150.00	0.00	0.00	150.00	0.94	0.94	0.00	0.00	150.00
1969	Drake Lot		300.00	0.00	0.00	300.00	1.89	1.89	0.00	0.00	300.00
1972	Lord Lot		100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.63	0.63	0.00	0.00	100.00
1973	B F Allard & J Durgin		100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.63	0.63	0.00	0.00	100.00
1976	Charles Bryant Lot		100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.63	0.63	0.00	0.00	100.00
1977	David Smith Lot		100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.63	0.63	0.00	0.00	100.00
1977	Albion & Alonzo Pease Lot		200.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	1.26	1.26	0.00	0.00	200.00
1982	Winston V & Margaret Morrow		100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.63	0.63	0.00	0.00	100.00
1982	Stephen & Elmira Danforth		100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.63	0.63	0.00	0.00	100.00
1987	Ernest & Rachel Mulvery		200.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	1.26	1.26	0.00	0.00	200.00
1988	Gordon D Stokes		800.00	0.00	0.00	800.00	5.03	5.03	0.00	0.00	800.00
1988	Pauline Sargent Rounds		200.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	1.26	1.26	0.00	0.00	200.00
1988	Abe Sargent		100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.63	0.63	0.00	0.00	100.00
1988	Frederick & Elisabeth Towle		300.00	0.00	0.00	300.00	1.89	1.89	0.00	0.00	300.00
1988	Mary S Morrison		100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.63	0.63	0.00	0.00	100.00
1989	Charles & Mary H Stewart		100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.63	0.63	0.00	0.00	100.00
1989	William A & Sally Stoops		100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.63	0.63	0.00	0.00	100.00
1989	David Sargent		40.00	0.00	0.00	40.00	0.25	0.25	0.00	0.00	40.00
1999	Town Cemetery Fund		1,841.00	0.00	0.00	1,841.00	11.58	11.58	0.00	0.00	1,841.00
	TOTAL CEMETERY FUNDS		15,653.00	0.00	0.00	15,653.00	98.42	98.42	0.00	0.00	15,653.00
1938	Belinda C Wood	Library	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	6.29	6.29	0.00	0.00	1,000.00
1985	Ernest Myrick	Library	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.63	0.63	0.00	0.00	100.00
	TOTAL LIBRARY FUNDS		1,100.00	0.00	0.00	1,100.00	6.92	6.92	0.00	0.00	1,100.00
	TOTAL COMMON TRUST FUNDS		16,753.00	0.00	0.00	16,753.00	105.34	105.34	0.00	0.00	16,753.00

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TOWN OF FREEDOM, NH
December 31, 2020

DATE	NAME OF TRUST FUND	PURPOSE	BALANCE		EXPENDED DURING YEAR	BALANCE END OF YEAR	CURRENT YEAR INCOME	INCOME EXPENDED DURING YEAR	INCOME ADDED TO PRIN	TOTAL NEW PRINCIPAL
			START OF YEAR	END OF YEAR						
GENERAL FUNDS:										
Expendable Trust Funds:										
2001	School District	Special Education	209,657.86	259,657.86	0.00	1,447.93	0.00	1,447.93	261,105.79	
2002	Town	Road Right of Way	6,246.58	6,246.58	0.00	39.15	0.00	39.15	6,285.73	
2006	Milfoil Removal	Remediation of Milfoil	6,380.82	6,380.82	0.00	40.00	0.00	40.00	6,420.82	
2009	Freedom Public Library	Maintain Bldg & Equipment	10,732.38	14,232.38	0.00	69.49	0.00	69.49	14,301.87	
2015	School District	Tuition Stabilization	261,411.54	261,411.54	0.00	1,638.45	0.00	1,638.45	263,049.99	
	TOTAL GENERAL FUNDS		494,429.18	547,929.18	0.00	3,235.02	0.00	3,235.02	551,164.20	

CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS:

1996	School Bus	School District	198,957.28	298,957.28	0.00	1,355.04	0.00	1,355.04	300,312.32
1989	Highway Equipment Fund	Equipment	38,262.65	48,262.65	0.00	246.14	0.00	246.14	48,508.79
2002	Fire Department Equipment	Equipment	57,960.88	44,561.35	13,399.53	349.40	0.00	349.40	44,910.75
2006	Municipal Land and Buildings	Town Buildings & Land	128,528.42	138,528.42	0.00	811.88	0.00	811.88	139,340.30
2007	Transfer Station Equipment	Equipment	33,165.50	33,165.50	0.00	207.86	0.00	207.86	33,373.36
2009	School Building Maintenance	School District Bldg Maint	155,136.55	155,136.55	0.00	972.34	0.00	972.34	156,108.89
2011	Police Dept. Equipment	Equipment	41,489.48	24,289.48	27,200.00	248.50	0.00	248.50	24,537.98
2011	Town Hall and Office	Maint Town Hall/Office Bldg	36,505.68	27,015.53	9,490.15	219.55	0.00	219.55	27,235.08
2012	Highway Drainage Struct Improv	Rpic Failing Drainage Infrastr	42,985.85	42,985.85	0.00	269.42	0.00	269.42	43,255.27
2014	School Technology	School District	52,423.65	52,423.65	0.00	328.56	0.00	328.56	52,752.21
2014	Water Systems Repairs Fund	Rprs to Existing Water Sys	0.04	0.00	0.04	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2015	Town Infrastructure	Infrastructure	261,579.78	261,579.78	0.00	1,639.49	0.00	1,639.49	263,219.27
	TOTAL CAPITAL RESERVES		1,046,995.76	1,126,906.04	50,089.72	6,648.18	0.00	6,648.18	1,133,554.22
	TOTAL ALL TRUST FUNDS		1,558,177.94	1,691,588.22	50,089.72	9,988.54	105.34	9,883.20	1,701,471.42

REPORT OF THE COMMON TRUST FUNDS (MS-10)
TOWN OF FREEDOM, NH
December 31, 2020

DATE	DESCRIPTION OF INVESTMENT	PURPOSE	BALANCE		GAINS OR (LOSSES)	BALANCE END OF YEAR	CURRENT YEAR INCOME	INCOME EXPENDED DURING YEAR	BALANCE ADDED TO PRIN	TOTAL NEW PRINCIPAL
			START OF YEAR	END OF YEAR						
PRINCIPAL										
	NH Public Deposit Investment Pool	Cem P/C	15,653.00	15,653.00	0.00	98.42	98.42	98.42	0.00	15,653.00
	NH Public Deposit Investment Pool	Library	1,100.00	1,100.00	0.00	6.92	6.92	6.92	0.00	1,100.00
	TOTALS		16,753.00	16,753.00	0.00	105.34	105.34	105.34	0.00	16,753.00

VENDORS

Department	Vendor Name	Amount
FAISC	AB AQUATICS, INC.	\$ 3,300.00
GG	ACTION AMBULANCE	\$ 73,258.47
HD	ADVANCED DIESEL	\$ 13,359.22
PD	ADVANCED ELECTRONIC DESIGN INC	\$ 22,054.73
GG	AFFINITY LED LIGHT LLC	\$ 16,475.80
HD	AIRGAS USA, LLC	\$ 630.50
HD	ALL STATES ASPHALT, INC.	\$ 20,119.77
GG	ALL-TEMP SERVICES INC	\$ 317.00
HD	ALLIED EQUIPMENT, LLC	\$ 620.00
HD	AMBROSE BROS, INC.	\$ 42,060.00
FD	AMERICAN TEST CENTER, INC.	\$ 400.00
GG	AMI GRAPHICS INC	\$ 75.96
FD	ANDREW'S AUTO BODY, INC.	\$ 250.00
TS	ATLANTIC RECYCLING EQUIPMENT	\$ 418.75
PD	AXON ENTERPRISE INC	\$ 7,200.00
GG	AVITAR ASSOC. OF NEW ENGLAND	\$ 15,354.00
CC	B.H. KEITH ASSOCIATES	\$ 4,357.50
GG	BAKER-GAGNE FUNERAL HOME	\$ 2,350.00
GG	BANK OF NEW HAMPSHIRE	\$ 6,069.31
PD	BARN DOOR SILK SCREENERS	\$ 413.59
FG	BERGERON PROTECTIVE CLOTHING	\$ 8,914.47
GG	BLUETARP CREDIT SERVICES	\$ 684.93
GG	BLUETARP FINANCIAL, INC.	\$ 652.69
GG	BNI DISTRIBUTION, INC.	\$ 986.02
HD	BOB BRYANT'S WRECKER SERVICE	\$ 400.00
GG	BOEWE, GEORGE JR.	\$ 2,208.15
FD	BOUND TREE MEDICAL, LLC.	\$ 672.66
HD	BROOKS, SCOTT	\$ 50,540.34
FD	BROWNELLS LLC	\$ 91.65
HD	BURKE QUARRY, LLC	\$ 201.25
GG	BUSINESS MGT SYSTEMS	\$ 2,745.00
GG	C.C. REGISTRY OF DEEDS	\$ 675.45
GG	CC TREASURER	\$ 686,381.00
GG	C.N. BROWN	\$ 43,099.52
GG	CARE PLUS AMBULANCE	\$ 19,764.72
PD	CARROLL COUNTY SHERIFFS DEPT	\$ 1,890.00
PD	CARROLL COUNTY ASSC. CHIEF OF POLICE	\$ 70.00
GG	CERTIFIED LABRATORIES	\$ 5,892.00
HD	CHAPPELL TRACTOR SALES, INC.	\$ 37.00
FD	CINTAS FIRE PROTECTION	\$ 3,118.40
HD	CLARK'S GRAIN STORE INC.	\$ 221.65
GG	CMA ENGINEERS	\$ 89,810.19
HD	COLEMAN RENTAL & SUPPLY	\$ 3,382.20
GG	CONSOLIDATED COMMUNICATIONS	\$ 1,623.51
PD	CONWAY AREA HUMANE SOCIETY	\$ 500.00
GG	CONWAY DAILY SUN	\$ 5,078.41
GG	CP SMITH	\$ 400.00
HD/FD	CROSS WAY REPAIR	\$ 1,130.28
HD	DIESELWORKS LLC	\$ 959.08
HD	DIPRIZIO GMC TRUCKS, INC	\$ 3,821.67
GG	DONAHUE, TUCKER & CIANDELLA	\$ 27,075.53
HD	EASTMAN'S WELDING	\$ 36.93

VENDORS

Department	Vendor Name	Amount
HD	EASTPOINT LASERS LLC	\$ 335.00
GG	EATON'S CLEANING & RESTORATIO	\$ 590.00
HD	ELDRIDGE LOGGING LLC	\$ 1,800.00
FD	EMERGENCY MEDICAL PRODUCTS	\$ 3,023.33
FD	ESO SOLUTIONS INC	\$ 1,915.80
FF	EVERSOURCE	\$ 23,839.22
FD	FAIL SAFE TESTING	\$ 2,655.00
FD	FINLEY & MULVENA INC	\$ 2,127.38
FD	FIREMATIC SUPPLY CO, INC.	\$ 11,047.79
FD	FIRE PLATES & MORE	\$ 260.00
GG	FLAG SHOP OF VT	\$ 708.32
PD	FLO'S NORTH AUTO BATH LLC	\$ 278.20
HD	FRECHETTE TIRE COMPANY	\$ 180.00
GG	FREEDOM VILLAGE WATER PRECINCT	\$ 3,125.00
HD	G.W. BROOKS & SON, INC.	\$ 94,978.50
HD	GAFTEK, LLC	\$ 474.00
TS	GARLAND WASTE SERVICES	\$ 921.58
HD	GEMINI SIGN & DESIGN, LTD	\$ 930.00
GG	GRANITE STATE GLASS	\$ 525.00
HD	GRANITE STATE MINERALS	\$ 27,470.90
GG	GREEN MOUNTAIN CONSERVATION G	\$ 3,000.00
GG	GREGORY A COLBY CPA	\$ 4,275.00
FD	HARTFORD COMMUNICATIONS LLC	\$ 3,593.50
GG	HEALTHTRUST	\$ 168,678.32
HD	HEB ENGINEERS, INC.	\$ 341.72
GG	HOWARD P. FAIRFIELD, LLC	\$ 196.64
HD	HYDRAULIC HOSE & ASSEMBLIES	\$ 4,300.29
TC	IDS	\$ 128.94
GG	INCLUSION SOLUTIONS	\$ 1,401.25
FD	INDUSTRIAL PROTECTION SERVICE	\$ 40,542.00
TC	INTERWARE DEVELOPMENT	\$ 3,036.00
HD	J.O. COOK, LLC.	\$ 525.00
GG	JARROD HURD	\$ 13,300.00
HD	JC MADIGAN INC	\$ 5,366.24
HD	KEZAR FALLS AUTO & TRUCK PART	\$ 14.38
FD	LAKES REGION FIRE APP.INC	\$ 19,647.27
GG	LAKES REGION PLANNING	\$ 5,425.50
GG	LAKESIDE LANDSCAPING	\$ 5,200.00
GG	LAKESIDE SECURITY SYSTEMS, IN	\$ 3,887.25
HD	LAWSON PRODUCTS, INC.	\$ 696.50
FD	LIBERTY INTERNATIONAL TRUCKS	\$ 196.34
HD	MACDONALD MOTORS	\$ 54.12
PD	MACMULKIN CHEVROLET	\$ 35,950.00
HD/TS	MAINE COMMERCIAL TIRE	\$ 1,117.85
HD	MAINE OXY	\$ 196.66
HD	MAPLE RIDGE	\$ 975.00
HD	MATHESON TRI-GAS, INC.	\$ 47.00
GG	MATTON SECURITY SYSTEMS	\$ 192.00
PD	MEKULA REPORTING SERVICES LLC	\$ 286.00
HD	MICHIE CORPORATION	\$ 4,885.00
GG	MINUTEMAN PRESS	\$ 9,124.70
HD	MORTON SALT, INC.	\$ 7,792.12

VENDORS

Department	Vendor Name	Amount
GG	MOULTONBROOK FARM GREENHOUSES	\$ 205.30
GG	MUNICIPAL MANAGEMENT ASSC OF NH	\$ 100.00
GG	N.H. MUNICIPAL ASSOC.	\$ 2,629.00
GG	NH TAX COLLECTOR'S ASSOC.	\$ 20.00
GG	N.E. ASSOC. OF CITY & TOWN CLERKS	\$ 60.00
GG	NAE AUTOMATION & ELECTRIC	\$ 2,815.00
HD	NAPA AUTO PARTS REDSTONE	\$ 94.99
FD	NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSN.	\$ 315.00
GG	NATIONWIDE EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$ 8,188.25
GG	NE LIFT CO.	\$ 350.00
FD	NEPTUNE UNIFORMS & EQUIPMENT,	\$ 405.32
HD	NEW ENGLAND BARRICADE CO	\$ 2,224.30
FAISC	NEW HAMPSHIRE LAKES	\$ 3,500.00
PD	NEW PIG	\$ 1,811.10
CC	NH ASSOC. OF CONSERVATION	\$ 500.00
GG	NH ASSOC.OF ASSESSING OFFICIA	\$ 70.00
GG	NH BUILDING OFFICIALS ASSN	\$ 75.00
GG	NH CITY & TOWN CLERKS ASSN	\$ 75.00
HD	NH MOTOR TRANSPORT ASSN	\$ 80.00
GG	NH MUNICIPAL BOND BANK	\$ 240,625.00
HS	NH PRESERVATION ALLIANCE	\$ 50.00
GG	NHGFOA	\$ 35.00
FD	NOBLE INDUSTRIAL SUPPLY CORP	\$ 323.58
TS	NORTH COAST SERVICES, LLC	\$ 3,252.18
HD	NORTH COUNTRY METAL CRAFT LLC	\$ 2,050.00
HD	NORTHEAST EARTH MECHANICS INC	\$ 351,011.92
TS	NORTHEAST RESOURCE RECOVERY	\$ 107.24
PD	NORTHERN TIRE & ALIGNMENT, IN	\$ 1,558.01
HD	ODB COMPANY	\$ 530.88
HD/FD	OSSIPEE AUTO PARTS	\$ 6,560.45
GG	OSSIPEE CONCERNED CITIZEN	\$ 1,467.50
PD/FD	OSSIPEE MT. ELECTRONICS	\$ 16,291.77
FD	OSSIPEE VALLEY MUTUAL AID	\$ 6,000.00
HD	OWENS LEASING COMPANY	\$ 9,985.00
GG	PAINTER BY THE POND	\$ 1,625.00
HD	PALMER SPRING COMPANY	\$ 2,123.32
HD	PIKE INDUSTRIES	\$ 1,259.30
TS	PINE TREE WASTE	\$ 149,141.72
GG	PINNACLE PUBLIC FINANCE	\$ 70,540.00
GG	PITNEY BOWES	\$ 458.87
GG	POPE SECURITY SYSTEMS, INC	\$ 752.00
GG	PORTER OFFICE MACHINES	\$ 1,315.03
TS	PORTLAND GLASS	\$ 170.00
HD	PRESBY STEEL	\$ 443.21
HD	PRC INDUSTRIAL SUPPLY	\$ 11,719.98
GG	PRIMEX	\$ 51,286.00
GG	RB WOOD & ASSOCIATES LLC	\$ 50,900.00
GG	REMOTE DATA BACKUPS, INC.	\$ 480.00
GG	RJ CROWLEY MOVING & STORAGE	\$ 1,427.50
GG	ROCKINGHAM ELECTRICAL SUPPLY	\$ 2,017.97
GG	RYMES PROPANE & OIL INC.	\$ 713.66
HD	S.A. MCLEAN & SONS	\$ 504.00

VENDORS

Department	Vendor Name	Amount
GG	SALMON PRESS	\$ 1,499.60
HD	SANEL AUTO PARTS	\$ 329.65
GG	SCHWAAB, INC.	\$ 61.24
GG	SERVICEMASTER	\$ 150.00
HD	SCHOEM ROADWAY SERVICES	\$ 978.75
GG	SIGNET ELECTRONIC SYSTEMS INC	\$ 1,542.50
GG	SKEHAN HOME CENTER	\$ 909.75
FD	SNOW SIGNS LLC	\$ 840.00
FAISC	SOLITUDE LAKE MANAGEMENT	\$ 31,716.50
HD	SOUTHWORTH-MILTON, INC.	\$ 16,550.79
GG	SPECTRUM	\$ 11,170.61
TS	STANTEC CONSULTING SERVICES	\$ 10,785.00
GG	STAPLES	\$ 4,387.72
GG	STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE	\$ 938.23
FD	STRYKER MEDICAL	\$ 1,193.40
GG	SUBURBAN PROPANE	\$ 1,547.25
PD	SULLIVAN TIRE COMPANIES	\$ 417.28
GG	TD BANK, N.A.	\$ 5,464.14
FD	TELEFLEX LLC	\$ 1,115.50
HD	TEXAS REFINERY CORP	\$ 586.56
GG	THE CHIMNEY MAN	\$ 1,000.00
GG	TLL TREE SERVICE	\$ 2,900.00
PD	TMDE CALIBRATION LABS, INC.	\$ 180.00
HD	TRH HEAVY EQUIPMENT REPAIR, LLC	\$ 815.00
PD	TRITECH SOFTWARE SYSTEMS	\$ 5,175.00
HD	UNIFIRST CORPORATION	\$ 9,701.24
GG	USPS	\$ 468.00
GG	VACHON CLUKAY & COMPANY PC	\$ 11,700.00
GG	VERIZON WIRELESS	\$ 2,899.60
GG	VILLAGE GREEN LAWN CARE LLC	\$ 1,426.00
HD	W. FRECHETTE TIRE CO.	\$ 110.60
GG	W.C. BARROWS	\$ 150.00
GG	WHITE MOUNTAIN OIL & PROPANE	\$ 229.95
GG	WHITE MOUNTAIN SURVEY & ENGINEERING	\$ 2,032.50
HD	WINDY RIDGE	\$ 331.00
GG	WSB TECHNOLOGIES	\$ 4,088.12

CC	CONSERVATION COMMISSION
HD	HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT
GG	GENERAL GOVERNMENT
FAC	FOREST ADVISORY COMMITTEE
FAISC	FREEDOM AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES COMMITTEE
FD	FIRE DEPARTMENT
HS	HISTORICAL SOCIETY
PD	POLICE DEPARTMENT
TC	TOWN CLERK
TS	TRANSFER STATION

AUDITOR'S REPORT

Due to COVID-related delays, the internal control letter from the 2019 audit is unavailable at this time. We anticipate receiving the audit reports by the end of February 2021. Copies will be available upon request.

Vachon Clukay & Company PC
608 Chestnut Street
Manchester NH 03104
603.622.7070

2021

FOREST ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Forest Advisory Board will meet on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00 at the Freedom Town Hall.

January 6	May 5	September 1
February 3	June 2	October 6
March 3	July 7	November 3
April 20 FCC Joint Mtg	August 4	December 1

FREEDOM AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES COMMITTEE

The Freedom Aquatic Invasive Species Committee will meet on the second Thursday of the month at 7:00 at the Freedom Town Hall.

No January mtg	May 13	September 9
No February mtg	June 10	October 14
March 11	July 8	November 11
April 8	August 12	December 9

FREEDOM CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Freedom Conservation Commission will meet on the third Tuesday of each month commencing at 7:00 pm at the Freedom Town Hall.

January 19	May 18	September 21
February 16	June 15	October 19
March 16	July 20	November 16
April 20	August 17	December 21

FREEDOM HERITAGE COMMISSION

The Freedom Heritage Commission will meet on the following dates at 6:00 pm at the Freedom Church.

January 14	June 10	November 11
April 8	September 9	

2021

FREEDOM PLANNING BOARD

The regular monthly meetings of the Freedom Planning Board are held on the third Thursday at the Freedom Town Hall at 7:00 pm. Items submitted either after the deadline or incompletely filled out, will not be placed on the agenda. Such applications will be deferred.

Application Submittal Closing Deadline

December 30, 2020
January 28
February 25
March 25
April 29
May 26
June 23
July 29
August 25
September 29
October 27
November 24

Regular Planning Board Meeting

January 21
February 18
March 18
April 15
May 20
June 17
July 15
August 19
September 16
October 21
November 18
December 16

FREEDOM ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

The regular monthly meetings of the Freedom Zoning Board of Adjustments are held on the fourth Tuesday at the Freedom Town Hall at 7:00 pm. Items submitted either after the deadline or incompletely filled out, will not be placed on the agenda. Such applications will be deferred.

Application Submittal Closing Deadline

January 11
February 8
March 8
April 12
May 10
June 7
July 12
August 9
September 13
October 11
November 15
December 13

Regular ZBA Meeting

January 26
February 23
March 23
April 27
May 25
June 22
July 27
August 24
September 28
October 26
November 30
December 28

FREEDOM PUBLIC LIBRARY

2020 Annual Report

We had a normal start to the year, with classes visiting from the schools, monthly Afterschool Programs, Storytime, Mah Jongg, Pizza & Movie nights, Game Nights, the Winter Film Series, and more. We also hired a new employee, Margarete Stevens.

Then COVID hit and we were forced to close the Library mid-March and suspend all in-person activities. The staff quickly pivoted, and we are proud to say that the Library never stopped lending materials for even one day. Patrons could reserve materials online or by phone or email. The items were then checked out to patrons and put in the vestibule for pickup 24/7. With guidance from the State and the State Library, the Library put safety protocols in place and was able to re-open to the public at the end of June. The contact-free lending option is still available indefinitely.

Patron numbers were understandably down, as interlibrary loan was suspended for six months, and patrons went uncounted as they picked up and returned their materials in the vestibule. In 2019 we had 14,414 patron visits and in 2020 we had 5,758. However, circulation statistics were down by a much smaller amount, a testament to the Library's dedication to providing service even in very trying circumstances. In 2019 we circulated 23,175 items and in 2020 we loaned 19,723.

The Library Director applied for and received a \$3500 CARES grant to cover unanticipated costs caused by COVID restrictions. The Library paid for PPE with this grant, purchased Zoom accounts to be used for Library business, book clubs, and community groups, and supplemented Friends of the Library funding to provide virtual summer programs and video editing of Preschool Storytime. The Library had to suspend its robust volunteer program; therefore, the Library was run in the summer by two hard-working staff members with very little help. They not only handled the day-to-day work of a Library newly opened in a pandemic, but also provided a summer reading program for 123 participants of all ages. In lieu of in-person programming, they also provided a weekly Storytime virtually, a 6-week writing workshop, and eight weeks of Take and Make activities for 41 kids and teens. Participants picked up supplies at the Library to complete projects at home.

34 weekly Preschool Storytimes have been filmed since March and uploaded to YouTube. Supplies for the Storytime craft are provided weekly to around 30 local kids. We are proud that Storytime has garnered a lot of attention and has attracted participants near and far.

The Library is committed to remaining flexible in meeting community needs and we look forward to returning to normal operations as soon as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

Chuck Brooks, Chair
Paul Mathieu, Secretary
Jayne Britton, Treasurer
Maureen Elliott, Trustee
Ann Pierce, Trustee

FREEDOM PUBLIC LIBRARY

Beginning Balance 01/01/2020

Checking	\$ 52,961.19
Money Market	\$ 7,986.98
Centennial Fund	\$ 25.00
Cayford Fund	\$ 6,696.86
Williams Fund	\$ 11,908.73
Total as of 01/01/2020	\$ 79,578.76

2020 Income

Book Sales	\$ 261.30
CD Interest	\$ 82.53
Conscience Fund	\$ 62.50
Fax & Copier	\$ 374.00
Friends Donation	\$ 7,908.37
Unanticipated Gifts	\$ 600.00
Cares	\$ 3,000.00
Town Appropriation	\$ 94,788.00
Total Income	\$ 107,076.70

2020 Expenses

Books	\$ 9,875.50
Bookkeeping	\$ 1,915.00
Cares	\$ 2,982.12
Computer/Copier	\$ 3,801.74
Dues & Conferences	\$ 609.00
Electricity	\$ 1,888.23
Grounds	\$ 4,414.43
Heat	\$ 1,783.21
Maintenance	\$ 3,316.05
Other Expenses	\$ 19.50
Periodicals	\$ 392.98
Programming	\$ 117.49
Postage	\$ 265.71
Friends Programs	\$ 3,408.37
Supplies	\$ 1,047.20
Telephone	\$ 1,229.59
Payroll	\$ 55,593.50
Payroll Taxes	\$ 4,152.95
Water	\$ 550.00
Total Expenses	\$ 97,362.57

Return Unused Town Appropriations	\$ 7,708.43
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Balance 12/31/2020

Checking	\$ 54,966.89
Money Market	\$ 8,021.01
Centennial Fund	\$ 25.00
Cayford Fund	\$ 6,696.86
Williams Fund	\$ 11,908.73
Total as of 12/31/2020	\$ 81,618.49

FIRE-RESCUE DEPARTMENT

For 2020 we had 350 calls for service. We had a very good year for receiving grants. We applied for and were awarded one grant from NH Forest and Lands for 1200 feet of forestry hose and four forestry hose bags. This is a 50/50 match grant for a total of \$1938.00. The second grant we received was for \$40,000.00 through the assistance to firefighters grant to replace our 20 plus year old auto extrications tools with new battery-operated tools, our portion towards grant was \$1900.00. We have done well with grants and continue to apply for them as they become available.

With the Ossipee Lake Road closure, there was no interruption of services. Action Ambulance has two bases in locations that did not affect response time for any portion of town. West Ossipee Fire Rescue provided fire and first response coverage while the road was closed.

The State online fire permit system has been working well. This spring, category 3 brush permits were made available online and will continue in the future. Weather conditions may cause periods of category 3 permits unobtainable. A reminder to property owners renting property, each new renter needs to obtain a permit to kindle a fire and must have written permission from the property owner to obtain a permit. The State does not allow the property owner to obtain a seasonal permit for the location if renting. This has been done to protect the owner of the property.

All of the additional precautions that have been taken due to the Covid-19 pandemic have proven to be very effective with no decline in fire-rescue services to the town

Thank you to the members of this department and the residents of freedom for their continued support.

Respectfully,

Chief Rob Cunio

2020 FIRE DEPARTMENT RESPONSES

Structure Fires	1
Chimney Fire	3
Vehicle/Snowmobile/ATV Fire	2
Dumpster Fire	1
Fire Alarms	48
CO Alarms	8
Smoke Investigations	5
Brush/Woods Fire	6
Illegal Burn	4
Trees/Wires Down	14
MVA with Injury	7
MVA no Injury	18
Mutual Aid Fire	32
Ice/Water Rescue	1
Service Call	15
Police Standby/Assist	5
Medical Aid	177
Transport to Hospital	137
Not Transported to Hospital	84
ALS care Provided	8
Member Transporting with Ambulance	3
No Medical Responders Available	9
No Responders Available	35
Mutual Aid Rescue	4
Duty Crew Responses	113
Responses to Town of Eaton	17
Responses with COVID Precautions	6
Daytime Calls 7a-7p	231
Nighttime Calls 7p-7a	119
Fire Chief on Duty Responses	111
Fire Chief off Duty Calls	182
TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE	350

Report of Forest Fire Warden and State Forest Ranger

This year we experienced challenging wildfire conditions which led to deep burning fires in remote locations that were difficult to extinguish. Your local fire departments and the Division of Forests & Lands worked throughout the year to protect homes and the forests. The statewide system of 16 fire lookout towers continues to operate on high fire danger days. The towers' fire detection efforts are supplemented by the NH Civil Air Patrol when the fire danger is especially high.

Many homes in New Hampshire are located in the wildland urban interface, which is the area where homes and flammable wildland fuels intermix. Every year New Hampshire sees fires which threaten or destroy structures, a constant reminder that wildfires burn more than just trees. Homeowners should take measures to prevent a wildfire from spreading to their home. Precautions include keeping your roof and gutters clear of leaves and pine needles, and maintaining adequate green space around your home free of flammable materials. Additional information and homeowner recommendations are available at www.firewise.org. Please help Smokey Bear, your local fire department, and the state's Forest Rangers by being fire wise and fire safe!

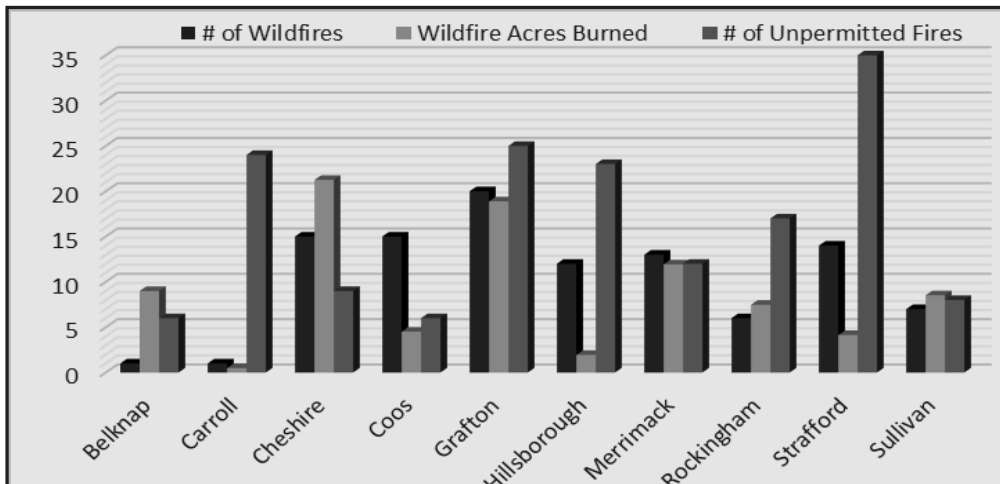
Between COVID-19 and the drought conditions, 2020 was a unique year. The drought conditions led to the need to have a Proclamation from the Governor, which banned much of the outdoor burning statewide. This, along with the vigilance of the public, helped to reduce the number of serious fires across New Hampshire. However, the fires which we did have burned deep and proved difficult to extinguish due to the lack of water. While the drought conditions have improved, we expect many areas of the state to still be experiencing abnormally dry and drought conditions this spring. For this reason, we ask everyone to remember Smokey's message about personal responsibility and follow his ABC's: Always Be Careful with fire. If you start a fire, put it out when you are done. **"Remember, Only You Can Prevent Wildfires!"**

As we prepare for the 2021 fire season, please remember to contact your local Forest Fire Warden or Fire Department to determine if a fire permit is required before doing ANY outside burning. Under State law (RSA 227-L:17) a fire permit is required for all outside burning, unless the ground is completely covered with snow. Fire permits are also available online in most towns and may be obtained by visiting www.NHfirepermit.com. The burning of household waste is prohibited by the Air Resources Division of the Department of Environmental Services (DES). You are encouraged to contact the local fire department for more information. Safe open burning requires your diligence and responsibility. Thank you for helping us to protect New Hampshire's forest resources. For more information, please contact the Division of Forests & Lands at (603) 271-2214, or online at www.nh.gov/nhdfl/. For up to date information, follow us on Twitter: **@NHForestRangers**



2020 WILDLAND FIRE STATISTICS

(All fires reported as of December 01, 2020)



Year	Number of Wildfires	Wildfire Acres Burned	Number of Unpermitted Fires*
2020	113	89	165
2019	15	23.5	92
2018	53	46	91
2017	65	134	100
2016	351	1090	159

*Unpermitted fires which escape control are considered Wildfires.

CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED

(These numbers do not include the WMNF)

Arson	Debris Burning	Campfire	Children	Smoking	Railroad	Equipment	Lightning	Misc.
4	22	21	4	3	1	4	10	44

*Miscellaneous includes power lines, fireworks, electric fences, etc...

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

This was a very trying year to say the least. Coronavirus, criminal justice reform, political strife and a myriad of other issues struck everybody this year including the police department. The courts were basically closed for several months which created a huge backlog in cases. Things are up and running again and we seem to be getting through it smoothly.

The biggest issue that the police department had to deal with was the enormous increase in the amount of people that were here. With the country in lockdown or quarantined and most businesses closed I thought things would have been quieter this year. It was not, as a matter of fact it was one of the busiest years we have ever had. With increased population comes an increase in the request for services from us. The issues that were in the forefront before Covid-19 did not go away either. For instance, I personally saw more people die from opiates this year than from the Coronavirus and we still had several sexual assault cases come in.

The police department received a lot more complaints this year about the town beaches. You must have a facility permit to park at or use town beaches. In 2021 all town ordinances will be strictly enforced. The board of Selectmen and I went over all the town ordinances this past summer and increased the fines. Of course, I would love to see voluntary compliance. I do not enjoy writing tickets; however, I do understand taxpayers getting frustrated when they go to use a town facility and they cannot because it is too crowded, or others are not playing by the rules. All the Town of Freedom ordinances can be found on the town's website. If you cannot find them, you can give me a call and I would be happy to explain them to you.

The increase in traffic this year in Freedom was bordering on ridiculous. With more traffic comes more traffic complaints, although motor vehicle accident numbers went down. I believe with kids back in school and people back to work and Route 16 construction in Ossipee being completed, traffic should quiet down a bit especially on Eaton Road. I have heard all the complaints loud and clear and we will try to do everything we can to slow people down and drive safely.

I hope everybody has a better 2021 and please contact my office if you need assistance.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chief Josh L. Shackford

ROAD AGENT REPORT

2020 NOTES

• We have all had a trying year in 2020. Life as we knew it suddenly was put on hold. We were not sure of anything only that we had to keep going. It would all work out in time, 2020 for sure is one for the history books. Wishing you good health and a better year in 2021.

IMPROVEMENTS:

- Tree and Brush Clearing: 15.5 miles were cleared between storms from January thru March.
 - Ossipee Lake, Babcock, Pequawket Trail, Haverhill Street, Pauli Point, Huckins, Shaw Town, West Danforth, Mudgett, Abenaki, Marina, North Broad Bay, West Bay, Sherwood Forest, Chick, and Stoddard Roads.
- Road Graveling:
 - Scarboro, Watson Hill, and Burnham Roads.
- Roadside Mowing:
 - Over all roads.
- Road Improvements:
 - There were no road improvement projects done this past year due to COVID19, and the uncertainty of potential unforeseen costs associated with the Danforth Bay Bridge Project.

EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE

- Morbark wood chipper was reconditioned with a new frame, fenders, fuel tank, and painted.
- 140M Grader was painted where needed
- 924K Loader was painted where needed

BUILDING MAINTENANCE

- Lunch room cleaned and painted
- Bathroom painted
- Office painted
- Equipment bays painted

I would like to take this opportunity at this time to thank each one of my Highway Crew Employees for their continued cooperative efforts, hard work, and dedication in the maintenance of our roads and properties.

With all the trials and tribulations, the year 2020 has brought, I also want to thank the crew for their flexibility and perseverance. I couldn't have asked for a better team.

Respectfully Submitted,
Scott N. Brooks Sr.

FREEDOM BUILDING INSPECTOR

Annual Report 2020

2020 Permits Issued:

Building Permit	94	\$22,722.55
Electrical Permit	59	\$1,800.00
Plumbing Permit	16	\$480.00
Gas Permit	71	\$1,980.00
Total	241	\$26,982.55

It was yet another busy year for building and inspections in 2020. There was a total of 241 permits issued.

I look forward to serving the people of Freedom.

Respectfully submitted,

David A. Senecal
Building Inspector

TRANSFER STATION REPORT

It was a very busy year at the Transfer Station.

Trash - 155.50 tons over 2019
Recycle - 11.40 tons over 2019
Demo - 29.59 tons down 2019
Trucking - 19 hauls over 2019

Mind you these numbers do not include electronics or scrap iron.

Also this year due to the drought, I had to have brush hauled out of the Transfer Station. First time in 19 years of my running the Transfer Station has this occurred.

In closing, I would like to thank all of the Department Heads and their staff, the Selectmen and my special thanks to the taxpayers and patrons for your much needed support.

Respectfully submitted,
Justin S. Brooks



Town of Freedom

2020 - Municipal Solid Waste & Recycling Report (by tons)

Contacts: Erica Bayley, Pine Tree Waste, Inc. Phone: (207) 751-5181

Date: 1/5/21



Month	Municipal Solid Waste	#of Hauls Solid Waste	Construction Debris/Oversized Bulky Waste	# of Hauls CD	Zero-Sort Recycling	# of Hauls Recycling	Total Tons Collected
January	65.51	7			9.40	2	
February	29.17	3	8.17	1	9.27	2	
March	48.40	5	8.64	1	9.20	2	
April	52.53	5	6.81	1	14.44	3	
May	58.33	7	26.73	4	14.84	3	
June	74.19	7	40.42	7	18.71	3	
July	91.32	8	25.95	4	24.36	5	
August	88.50	8	32.15	4	19.56	4	
September	60.07	6	39.23	6	18.04	4	
October	75.22	8	24.88	3	15.71	3	
November	48.73	5	8.39	1	10.07	2	
December	58.47	6	10.30	1	14.71	4	
Total Tons	750.44		231.67		178.31		1160.42
Total Hauls		75		33		37	145

Data Source: 36-35173

PLANNING BOARD REPORT

2020 brought changes to the Planning Board as it did to everyone and everything else! The board met as usual through March, including a special hearing to approve the master plan update on March 7.

The coronavirus pandemic caused the governor to authorize boards to meet electronically when needed and to not meet if no applications were on the agenda. In April, the board had a zoom meeting to hear site plans for both Camp Cody and Camp Huckins. The board's familiarity with the camps, their leaders, and White Mountain Survey helped overcome the inevitable technology problems!

The board heard an application to amend the approved plat of a condominium association in June, July, and November. This application came to the board from Carroll County Superior Court and is there now.

Having adopted an update to the master plan, the board's next duty is to propose zoning ordinance changes to move the ordinance toward the vision of the master plan—to protect Freedom's natural resources, particularly water, and to find ways to have a mix of ages and families in Freedom. Both goals will help preserve Freedom's character and support its tax base.

In July, the planning board began working on the master plan recommendations and is proposing two amendments to the zoning ordinance, which will be voted on the ballot on March 9, 2021. These proposed amendments directly address water quality by focusing on activities near lakes and streams. Amendment 1 requires a stormwater management plan on properties adjacent to streams—all of which flow into the large lakes and rivers that are covered by the state Shoreland Water Quality Protection Act. It also requires property owners to manage stormwater runoff caused by development that flows onto roads and neighboring properties. Amendment 2 takes language that is in the ordinance and gathers it into a Shoreland Protection Article to provide focus for landowners and enables the town to enforce any violations (rather than wait for state enforcement). The voters have approved adding state requirements to the town ordinance for enforcement purposes several times in the last few years.

Amendment #1

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the planning board for the town zoning ordinance as follows: Add as Article 6, Stormwater Management to require property owners to manage stormwater runoff caused by any building construction or lot development on lots that are adjacent to a stream, could cause water to flow onto a Class V road or higher or onto an abutter's property if the property is not regulated by other state or town regulations? The planning board is proposing this article to bring the Freedom zoning ordinance into line with the Master Plan dated March 7, 2020.

Amendment #2

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the planning board for the town zoning ordinance as follows: Add as Article 7, Shoreland Protection by moving language from section 304.6 (Shorefront District-Other Requirements) to an article focused on protecting Freedom's water quality and to add some language from the state Shoreland Water Quality Protection Act to educate shorefront district property owners on their rights and responsibilities under the law? Having this language in the Freedom Zoning Ordinance allows the town to enforce these provisions rather than referring violations to the state. The planning board is proposing this article to bring the Freedom zoning ordinance into line with the Master Plan dated March 7, 2020.

PLANNING BOARD REPORT

The next two amendments were suggested by members of the Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) in the annual joint planning board/ZBA meeting. In granting variances, the ZBA sometimes finds the language of the zoning ordinance unclear or ambiguous. These two amendments will aid the ZBA in its work.

Amendment #3

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3 as proposed by the planning board for the town zoning ordinance as follows: Amend Article 15, Home Occupation, to add exclusions to restrict the sales, rental, maintenance, or repair of automobiles, motor vehicles, or small engines or other listed special exception uses as a home occupation?

Amendment #4

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 4 as proposed by the planning board for the town zoning ordinance as follows: Add a section to Article 2101.2 Application for a zoning permit to require a foundation/footing certification before the pouring of concrete on lots where the zoning officer is uncertain that a structure's location meets setbacks and when the Zoning Board of Adjustment grants a variance for a structure to encroach into any setback? This will ensure that the placement of the structure conforms with the zoning ordinance or variance conditions without requiring a full lot survey.

The full text of the four articles is on file at the Town Clerk's office and is available for public inspection when the town office is open.

My thanks to the Board!

The town is fortunate to have volunteers who give their time and talents to the Planning Board. I would like to thank Paul Elie, the vice chair, for his work for the board. I also want to thank members Bill Elliott, Pam Keith, Jeffrey Towle, and Paul Olzerowicz for their contributions. Thanks also to our alternate, Carol McIntire, and our recording secretary, Melissa Donaldson, who has managed to deal with this year's challenges! And finally, thanks to Les Babb, the Selectmen's Representative and Ernie Day, the Selectmen's alternate, for their service on the Planning Board this year.

Respectfully submitted,
Anne Cunningham, Chair

SENIOR RESOURCE COORDINATOR REPORT

The following actions have been completed since the hiring of Renée Wheaton as the Senior Resource Coordinator for the Town of Freedom:

- **Personal Contacts** – It is important to become familiar with the resources available within the county and state so emails were sent to various organizations and individuals regarding services available to seniors and personal conversations were started with several individuals and organizations. Some of the organizations included: The Mount Washington Valley AARP Age Friendly Initiative, RSVP, The Gibson Center, Ossipee Concerned Citizens, Carroll County VNA, CH3 and others. A connection has also been made with the Age Friendly – Maine group. This group of individuals gathers every other week to discuss current issues related to seniors and how the different communities are assisting. These have all been found to be great resources.
- A **weekly email** is sent out using the Freedom Bulletin Board highlighting different services available. It has been well received as emails of thanks are sent back in response. In the beginning, the newsletter would lead to one or two requests a week for assistance or more information and within two months it has grown to three or four a week. It is a small start but it was also during the holidays. These numbers are expected to increase with the upcoming winter months, ongoing COVID isolation and vaccination plans. The weekly email has led to requests for: meal delivery, assistance setting up transportation, salt/sand buckets, and for more information regarding respite care available in the area. There have been additional questions regarding the grant for computers which lead to an individual obtaining one to meet the needs of the household. There have been phone calls and emails regarding individual check ins, requests for more information regarding visiting nurse, and questions regarding COVID vaccinations.

Short Term Goals:

- **Mailing** – The assumption cannot be made regarding all residents having heard of the services available through the addition of this position so a mailing sent to all residents of the community would be beneficial. It would highlight the purpose of the position, provide examples of the resources available, some safety reminders and most importantly, contact information for Renée.
- **Meet and Greet** event is being planned in February. This is a time when residents can stop in at the Freedom Village Store under social distancing guidelines and actually meet Renée in person. They can spend a few minutes getting to know Renée, hear about some upcoming events and most importantly, provide input in regards things they would like to see happen. If residents do not feel comfortable in this format, the same thing will be done using Zoom. Residents will be provided a Zoom link and can stop in and meet Renée and have the same type of conversation.
- **Website** - There will be information placed on the town website in the near future. It will include information regarding the services available contact information for Renée, a calendar of events and links to different services and activities being planned.
- **Calendar of Events** – A calendar of events will be created in the upcoming weeks by contacting and arranging speakers to present on a variety of topics and setting up weekly or biweekly games or clubs. All of these will be set up so residents can attend using Zoom and if residents do not have access to a computer, this can still be addressed with a grant made available to seniors in the Mount Washington Valley.

Long term goals include

- **Handy Helpers** This would be a group of individuals able to assist with small home repair issues (change batteries, light bulbs, leaky faucet, etc).
- **Safety awareness campaign.** This would focus on the importance of handrails, carbon monoxide detectors and smoke detectors. Another focus importance of being prepared for power outages and winter weather and then looking at small items based on the individual's personal needs, such as the need for a handrail to assist with getting up or down stairs.
- **Transportation.** There is currently a request with RSVP to recruit more drivers and but they are still able to assist with transportation. The use of telemedicine by residents would reduce the need for some transportation and there has been a grant made available for seniors in the Mount Washington Valley to encourage the use of technology and it provides computers, free of charge.
- **Intergenerational community garden** – This would provide an opportunity for younger generations to learn from experienced generation, exercise for all, and those who participate are able to eat fresh fruits and vegetables they produce.
- **Social Events** – Organize social events that would meet on a regular basis based on common interests. Other activities would be local part of the day events such an ice cream social, mother-daughter/father-son events, tour a local beverage establishment, etc. Other activities would be a day trips to county fairs, fall luncheon train ride, dinner cruise, etc.
- **Senior Center** – It would be ideal to have some type of designated Freedom Senior Center. Many of the events being planned are ongoing so it would be ideal to have a location identified which could be used on a regular basis. This is where weekly exercise classes, clubs, social events, etc. could be held and materials needed for the events would not have to be packed away and removed from the premises after each event.
- Others to be determined based on conversations with residents in the upcoming weeks.

Respectfully Submitted on January 15, 2021,

Renée Wheaton
Senior Resource Coordinator
Town of Freedom

ZONING OFFICER

At the time of the printing of this report, there is no report available for the Zoning Officer due to a change in personnel.

Freedom Zoning Officer Gary Williams is available to assist you with any zoning applications and related concerns.

Office Hours: Thursdays from 9 am-2 pm
Office phone: 603-539-6323
Cell Phone: 603-986-0486

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT REPORT

The Zoning Board of Adjustment received applications from twenty-seven applicants. The applications comprised of sixteen variance requests (requests to build new structures or additions which are located at least in part in the side, front, or rear setbacks). Two requests were withdrawn, thirteen were approved and one was continued until 2021.

Of the twenty-seven applications, thirteen contained requests for special exceptions. Special exceptions are uses that must meet criteria outlined in the zoning code. One of the requests was withdrawn and twelve were approved.

One of the applications was for a request for rehearing of a Zoning Board denial. This type of application requests the Zoning Board to review a previous decision. The Zoning Board voted to deny the request.

The Zoning Board would like to hear from citizens who may be interested in serving on the board. Please contact a Board member or one of the Selectmen.

Respectfully submitted,
Scott Lees, Chairman

FREEDOM CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Annual Report 2020

The Freedom Conservation Commission was established by residents at the annual town meeting held on 5 March 1973 pursuant to RSA 36-A “... for the proper utilization and protection of the natural resources and for the protection of the watershed resources of the town.”

COVID-19 drastically altered the work schedule and initiatives of the FCC during 2020. Some initiatives were cancelled by the state and the FCC while other initiatives were modified to accommodate public health and safety concerns.

Commission initiatives in 2020 included:

- Monthly FCC meetings utilized the ZOOM electronic platform because of COVID-19 pandemic
- The Voluntary Lake Assessment Program (VLAP) testing of Ossipee Lake and the bays was suspended for the season by NHDES because of COVID-19
- Members attended scheduled bi-annual Zoom meetings of the Ossipee Lake Natural Area (OLNA) sponsored by NHDES and the quarterly Ossipee Aquifer Advisory Committee (OAAC) forums hosted by GMCG
- Members participated in the no fee Household Hazardous Waste collection program hosted by the Town of Effingham; 19 communities participated
- FCC Rules of Procedure were reviewed and approved without changes
- Drought conditions and record heat contributed to the blue-green cyanobacteria algae blooms on Middle & Lower Danforth Ponds and necessitated coordination for the second consecutive year with NHDES, the placement of warning posters around the ponds, and the electronic dissemination of updates to the community
- The Forest Maintenance Account was reviewed and the 2021 work plan was prepared by the town forester. One major initiative for 2021 / 2022 will be a scheduled 20 acre burn in the Ossipee Pine Barrens located on the western edge of the Freedom Town Forest
- In-person training and conferences were cancelled because of Covid-19. Members were able to participate in several online classes
- New Hampshire Big Tree Award for the Tulip Tree Yellow Poplar was awarded to Freedom on 23 October 2019. Tree circumference is 128.00 inches, height 73 feet, and is located in the Thurston Cemetery on Burnham Road
- The Freedom Town Forest Annual State Easement Monitoring site visit was conducted in July. Tour centered on Gates 1-5, beaver pond culvert, wildlife openings, and ending at the Hurd Road gate. No major issues or concerns were noted

Goals for 2021:

- Expand water testing to include Loon Lake & Round Pond
- Coordinate Pine Barren burn in town forest
- Sponsor environmental presentations for the community

FREEDOM CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Thank You to the FCC members who volunteered their time and contributed to a safe, socially-distanced but productive year. And a **Special Thank You** to the administrative staff, especially Melissa Donaldson and Janice Zecher & Ellen White who support the Commission in the town office.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Freedom Conservation Commission,

<i>Paul Elie - Chair</i>	<i>Jeff Nicoll - Vice Chair</i>
<i>Alice Custard - Member</i>	<i>Justin Brooks - Member</i>
<i>Matt Tyler - Member</i>	<i>David Straw - Member</i>
<i>VACANT - Member</i>	
<i>Sue Hoople - Alternate</i>	<i>Robert Oram - Alternate</i>
<i>Melissa Donaldson - Recording Secretary</i>	

Freedom Conservation Commission & Forest Advisory Committee

<u>FCC</u>		<u>2020 Budget</u>	<u>2020 Actual</u>	<u>2020 Balance</u>	<u>2021 Proposed</u>
01-4611-130	Part Time	\$ 700.00	\$ 243.08	\$ 456.92	\$ -
01-4611-220	Operating Supplies	\$ 700.00	\$ 189.00	\$ 510.13	\$ 1,650.00
01-4611-284	Dues	\$ 300.00	\$ -	\$ 300.00	\$ 250.00
01-4611-289	Meetings	\$ 400.00	\$ 133.08	\$ 266.92	\$ 200.00
01-4612-292	Water Quality Testing	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ -	\$ 3,000.00
02-4611-910	Land Use Tax	\$ 22,912.12	\$ -	\$ 22,912.12	\$ 5,000.00
02-4611-912	Wildlife Habitat	\$ 25,298.05	\$ -	\$ 25,298.05	\$ -
<i>FCC Totals:</i>		<i>\$53,310.17</i>	<i>\$3,565.16</i>	<i>\$49,744.14</i>	<i>\$10,100.00</i>

<u>FAC</u>		<u>2020 Budget</u>	<u>2020 Actual</u>	<u>2020 Balance</u>	<u>2021 Proposed</u>
01-4613-293	Maintenance	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500.00
01-4613-294	Forester	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,000.00
02-4613-300	Town Forest Maintenance Encumbered Forester	\$ 44,398.01	\$ -	\$ 44,398.01	\$ -
01-6045-850	Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,763.00	\$ -
<i>FAC Totals:</i>		<i>\$44,398.01</i>	<i>\$0.00</i>	<i>\$47,161.01</i>	<i>\$3,500.00</i>

FCC & FAC Total: ***\$13,600.00***

- Warrant Article for \$5,000 from Land Use Tax account to fund Pine Barren Burn in 2021 - 2022

FOREST ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Annual Report for 2020

As everyone is well aware of, 2020 was not a usual year. Due to the pandemic, there was very little official activity in the town forest. On the plus side, it seemed that more people were using the forest for recreational activities because they had fewer choices elsewhere.

There were no state inspections or evaluations this year. The state forester resigned early on and the office was closed for most of the year. Whether there is any timber harvesting in 2021 can't be said right now. The Stewardship Plan is still with the state and awaiting approval. Barry Keith and Jeff Lougee of TNC are presently working on some controlled burns in the pine areas. That looks like it will take place this year.

Otherwise, the forest appears to be in good shape. Ron Newberry and myself went out in the spring and cleaned out water bars and cleared blowdown. Kiosks and signage are all in good condition. Thanks to my fellow board members and the townspeople who use and appreciate the forest. Hopefully 2021 will be better.

Respectfully submitted,
John Roman
Chairman

FREEDOM AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES COMMITTEE

It is no surprise to those of us that live here, nestled in the hills and lakes, that this is a great place to live. As it turns out, this is also a great place to be during a pandemic! NH lakes saw record use in 2020. It was a wonderful, potentially socially distant, way to enjoy the outdoors.

In conjunction with the NH Lakes “Lake Host” program, Freedom and Ossipee collaborated to monitor three boat launches for invasive plant and animal spread. We inspected boats for hitchhiking invasive weeds and organisms such as snails and mussels. With new boats selling like toilet paper, we were able to educate many new boat owners about proper boat cleaning and draining techniques that keep our lakes healthy. Approximately 2000 inspections were made. The Lake Host program is valuable, and we should continue to support it going forward.

There are already areas in the Ossipee lake system that are infected with Variable Milfoil. This includes some bays and coves as well as marinas and boat launches. In Freedom, the area most affected is the Danforth Ponds. In 2019, growth in the ponds was extensive. This year, in contracting with the company SOLitude, we treated about 49 acres of water with a new herbicide, Procellacore. The application was early and very successful. Divers were also used in some areas to control less densely affected areas. Not all the budget was used, and the remainder goes back to the Town.

Ironically, the treatment success presents us with a problem. Estimating next year’s budget for invasive weed control is proving difficult. Late summer and fall’s inspections by SOLitude, the State DES and FAISC board member Bruce Howlett showed greatly reduced but some small plant regrowth in areas. How much regrowth will occur with the new herbicide will have to wait to be determined until inspections in the spring. Unfortunately, budgets, government treatment approvals and State grants are determined now. As such, following State DES recommendation, we have estimated the treatment areas. Potential application areas cover 30 acres, down from 49 acres last year. This forecasts a significant savings from the 2020 budget with enough contingency funding to cover what may or may not come.

Stay safe and enjoy your lakes,
Ned Kucera and your FAISC Board members

FREEDOM HERITAGE COMMISSION

Annual Report – 2020

The commission, established at the March Town Meeting in 2009, continues its mission to research and record the history of important structures and land features in the town, and to act in an advisory capacity to Selectmen in finding ways to protect and preserve our historic buildings. Members have inventoried historic Freedom properties and in collaboration with the Freedom Historical Society, have added information to the Freedom Houses Project. Seven private and public structures have been granted placement on the New Hampshire State Registry of Historic Places. These documents can be found on the Freedom website www.townoffreedom.net

Work to rehabilitate the old snow roller, donated in 2019 and located in front of the roller shed, will start in the Spring as we acquire wood, materials, and space where work on it can begin.

At the March, 2020, Town Meeting, a motion to amend Article 30 was passed which allowed the formation and funding of a Freedom Town Office Committee to investigate ways to meet current and future space needs for the building while maintaining its historic integrity. A phrase in the article which would have pursued study of the purchase of land for a new Town office building was deleted. Three Heritage Commission members, Alan Fall, Karrie Buttrick, and Mark McKinley, are members of that committee.

Because of the spread of COVID-19 in the state and the country the Heritage Commission last met in January, 2020, and for the time being it will not meet. However, there is no less interest or commitment to the goals and mission for which the commission was created, and members pursue individual projects. We look forward to the time when we can resume meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Peg Scully, Chair

TOWN OFFICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

At the March 10, 2020 town meeting, the Board of Selectmen proposed Article 30 to form the Town Office Advisory Committee. The original article included looking at a new building site, but it was amended to focus only on the existing Town Office. The language is below:

Article 30 (as amended on the floor):

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$40,000 (forty thousand dollars) to conduct a feasibility study for the restoration and/or addition to the existing Town Office and further to create a Town Office Advisory Committee to consider ways to optimize the Town Office space, accessibility and mobility needs with \$40,000 to come from the previously established Municipal Land and Building Capital Reserve Fund. No amount to be raised from taxation. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0

The Covid-19 pandemic prevented the committee from starting after town meeting. Its first meeting was September 20. The committee has met monthly since then.

The committee has finished interviewing three architectural firms who can assist in completing this project and has chosen Bergeron Technical Services, LLC of North Conway. The committee chose Bergeron Technical Services because of their qualifications and success in similar local projects. Some notable projects include the moving and renovating of the Madison Grange building to serve as the Madison Town Hall. BTS also worked on the renovation of the Majestic Theatre and the old railroad Freight House that now serves as offices and a meeting space. All these projects gave new life to old buildings.

Because Bergeron Technical Services has several ongoing projects, they are not able to start working on this effort until next spring. The committee decided to delay our work to benefit from Bergeron's expertise. The plan is to complete the work by late summer 2022 and to propose an alternative for going forward at the 2023 town meeting. We believe that the delay will be worth it—we will have more time to share the committee's work with townspeople and believe that pandemic restrictions will ease by the summer of 2022—giving everyone better opportunity to understand the project's progress and provide more in person input.

The plan for the work includes the following:

- Complete a need assessment.
 - That takes into account how technology will affect future space requirements.
 - Meets fire and life safety requirements.
 - Meets accessibility requirements.
- Communicate with the community to gain community input and build support for this project.
- Develop schematics for two or three configurations to restore and/or add to the town office space to meet future needs while preserving key building features.
- Develop cost estimates for each configuration.

The committee will be looking for input from the community. As a start, the committee will have a web page on the town website where all materials will be available: townoffreedom.net. Please look at this, attend our meetings, send us your thoughts and ideas!

Respectively submitted,

Denny Anderson, Karrie Buttrick, Anne Cunningham (Chair), Alan Fall, and Mark McKinley

FREEDOM SAFETY OFFICER

2020 Safety Officer's Annual Report

This report will summarize the activities of the Freedom Safety Officer for the period January 1 to December 31, 2020. Every employee desires and has the right to a workplace free from occupational safety and health hazards. An effective safety program is designed to prevent accidents and illnesses, and is established jointly between employees and management.

The participation and cooperation of Department Heads and Town Employees in the quarterly Joint Loss Management Safety Committee (JLMSC) quarterly meetings remains strong. Quarterly meetings continue to take place at the Highway Department facility with lunch being provided to the participants.

2020 Activities

Facilities Inspections – 4

- Town Offices
- Public Safety Building
- Recycling Center
- Highway Department

The inspections revealed no safety hazards. The Highway Department recently refitted the wood chipper to include safety repairs. The Fire Department is in the process of upgrading and fitting firefighters with new emergency extraction belts. The Fire Department also received a grant to purchase battery operated extraction equipment that will reduce tripping hazards for firefighters and others at emergency scenes. Fire Chief Cunio and this writer inspected the town safe installed at the Public Safety Building. Concerns were voiced that it was not secure and may cause a hazard if it were to tip and/or fall when the door is opened. The inspection revealed that there was no safety hazard.

JLMSC Quarterly Meetings – 2

Due to the Covid -19 pandemic the first and second quarterly meetings were not held. The third quarterly meeting took place on October 13, 2020. The fourth quarterly meeting was held on December 8, 2020.

Freedom Safety Manual

The revised town safety manual was submitted to the Town Attorney for review. He reviewed and made revisions to comply with NH Department of labor requirements and added procedures and practices typical of safety manuals in other towns and cities. The manual has been reviewed by the Town Administrator and the Town Safety Officer and the manual was reviewed and approved by the Board of Selectmen. Statute requires that the safety manual be updated every two years. The NH Department of Labor regulations also require that all employees receive appropriate safety training. Lab 603.03 states, **Ensure that the required and necessary safety and health training for employees shall be provided so they may perform their work in a safe and healthy manner and environment. This training shall be conducted at no cost, and without any loss of pay, to the employees.**

The Town Administrator and Safety Officer are working to provide safety training to all employees to be in compliance.

Respectfully submitted,
Kelly J. McClare, Safety Officer

**Request for \$4,000 funding from non-profit funds
(Decrease of \$1,000 from March of 2020)
Freedom, March 2021 Town Meeting**

Freedom Food Pantry

The Freedom Food Pantry was established in 1992 to serve those families in need from the towns of Freedom, Effingham, and Ossipee. (Attached are statistics showing the number of families served by month and town thru August, 2020 and all of 2019). The Food Pantry is located in the basement of the First Christian Church of Freedom, 12 Elm Street, Freedom, New Hampshire. The church provides the space, electricity, heat and office supplies to the Food Pantry at no charge. No funding is received from the church. All funds received are spent on purchasing food. The pantry operates using only volunteers. The pantry has no paid staff.

The Freedom Food Pantry receives food from different sources. The first source is to receive USDA (United States Department of Agriculture) Emergency Food Assistance, at no cost from the government. In 2020, due to the tariff mitigation and extra COVID-19 funding, we continue to receive an increase in commodity food from USDA. The second source of food is to purchase food from the New Hampshire Food Bank (NHFB) in Manchester, NH. The NHFB struggles to keep their food supply shelves stocked and continues to have funding problems during the pandemic. In order to maximize NHFB resources, NHFB has imposed case limits. Also, some foods are no longer available or others are available either so infrequently or on a different order and delivery cycle that the Freedom Food Pantry cannot get them. (Note: This NHFB delivery schedule is once per month to a drop site in West Ossipee.) Our pantry is included in the Hannaford, No. Conway donation cycle to receive meat on a weekly basis. Food prices can be impacted by the drought and major weather events throughout the country.

Funding for the Freedom Food Pantry has always been through donations. The donations that we receive are primarily from the residents of Freedom or from people who have ties to Freedom. In 2020, the pantry received non-profit funding from Ossipee, Effingham and Freedom. Both monetary and food donations to the Freedom Food Pantry fluctuate and are not predictable sources of funding. In 2020, due to the pandemic, extra donations were received earlier this year from individuals, organizations/foundations. Those donations have since leveled off.

Additionally, the 10 year Farm Aid Bill was passed in 2014 and \$8.7 Billion was cut from the Federal Food Stamp program known as SNAP. This cut to the SNAP program has impacted our food pantry clients. The job market in this area remains challenged due to the pandemic and seasonal employment. Also, the annual Social Security/Disability cost-of-living (COLA) adjustment does not keep pace with increases in living expenses.

Due to the pandemic, pantry clients are able to access the pantry weekly (instead of bi-weekly). Clients receive a week's worth of food and 6–10 packages of meat weekly due to Hannaford and USDA donations. The pantry has been able to maintain serving our clients with social distancing and wearing masks.

In the past 12 months, Freedom client family participation levels are from 32% to 49% of the total client families served on any given Saturday. Based on current food prices, the pantry will need continued support to feed Freedom clients next year.

Thank you for your consideration of this very important mission in our area.

Doris Sirois 9-28-20
Doris Sirois, Co-Director
539-1339

FREEDOM FOOD PANTRY

12 Elm Street * PO Box 502 * Freedom, New Hampshire 03836

December 3, 2020

Amendment to Freedom Food Pantry Funding Request submitted on 9-28-2020

On September 28, 2020 the Freedom Food Pantry submitted a non-profit funding request of \$4,000. At that time I thought those funds would be sufficient for 2021. The pandemic crisis appears to be worse now than it was in April/May 2020.

Since early October, the situation has changed:

1. Client participation numbers are going up
2. It's the beginning of the heating season (heat or eat)
3. The PUA (pandemic unemployment assistance) expired on 7-31-20
4. The NH State Unemployment additional Covid-19 funds will expire 12-31-20
5. Another stimulus package has not yet been passed
6. We live in a vacation/hospitality area. Outdoor dining is no longer an option; indoor needs to be with social distancing. Therefore, some clients are being laid off or have had their hours cut.

At this time, I respectfully request level funding of \$5,000 for 2021.

Thank you for your consideration of the very important mission in our area.



Doris Sirois, Co-Director
539-1339

Feeding the Hungry Since 1992

An Outreach of First Christian Church * Serving Freedom * Effingham * Ossipee

FREEDOM FOOD PANTRY
(Serving Freedom, Effingham, Ossipee)
Number of Families Served by Month and Town

	JAN 2019	FEB 2019	MAR 2019	APR 2019	MAY 2019	JUN 2019	JUL 2019	AUG 2019	SEP 2019	OCT 2019	NOV 2019	THANKSGIVING	DEC 2019	CHRISTMAS	YTD 2019	
Notes:	@	@	@					***			***					
TOWN	# of Families	# of Families	# of Families	# of Families	# of Families	# of Families	# of Families	# of Families	# of Families	# of Families	# of Families	# of Meals	# of Families	# of Meals	# of Families	# of Families
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
EFFINGHAM	17	22	19	9	10	12	8	7	8	8	12	9	16	9	166	38.0%
	59%	51%	44%	32%	36%	38%	40%	28%	38%	33%	32%	32%	36%	36%	9	9
FREEDOM	7	10	15	8	11	12	7	11	8	11	12	8	16	8	144	33.0%
	24%	23%	35%	29%	39%	38%	35%	44%	38%	46%	32%	32%	36%	36%	8	8
CENTER OSS�PEE	4	8	8	6	2	4	2	2	0	1	8	9	8	9	71	16.2%
	14%	19%	19%	21%	7%	13%	10%	8%	-	4%	21%	21%	18%	18%	9	9
OSS�PEE	1	3	1	5	4	4	3	3	5	3	5	4	3	4	48	11.0%
	3%	7%	2%	18%	14%	13%	15%	12%	24%	13%	13%	4%	7%	4%	4	4
WEST OSS�PEE	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	1	6	1.4%
	-	-	-	-	4%	-	-	-	-	4%	3%	2%	2%	2%	1	1
subtotal	5	11	9	11	7	8	5	5	5	5	14	14	12	14	125	28.6%
	17%	26%	21%	39%	25%	25%	25%	20%	24%	21%	37%	20%	27%	27%	14	14
Miscellaneous Towns	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	0.5%
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8%	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	0.5%
GROSS TOTALS	29	43	43	28	28	32	20	25	21	24	38	31	44	31	437	

GROSS TOTAL FOR MONTH INCLUDES SPECIAL MEALS FOR HOLIDAYS (as shown above)

*** Note: Food Pantry Closed for Old Home Week, Thanksgiving Weekend, Christmas and New Year's Day

@ Note: Low usage due to weather and driving conditions

*Miscellaneous Towns = Clients served from towns outside our serving area

Percentages are based on portions of the gross totals for each month and are rounded off to the nearest whole number

Operation Expenses*

Description	2019	2020	2021
	Previous	Current	Next
	Fiscal Year	Fiscal Year (thru Aug. 2020)	Fiscal Year
Food Storage & non-food items (1)	\$1,343.00	\$570.00	\$940.00
Volunteer Transportation (2)	\$ 528.00	\$597.00	\$985.00
Food (3)	\$10,330.00	\$5,631.00	\$9,291.00
TOTAL	\$12,201.00	\$6,798.00	\$11,216.00
Estimate for all of 2020		\$9,720.00	

Notes:

- (1) Toilet paper, paper towels, tooth paste, bar soap, deodorant, freezer bags, maintenance, postage, office supplies, pest control.
- (2) Gas for vehicles used for shopping trips and NHFB delivered food orders to Tramway Plaza in West Ossipee, with a delivery fee.
- (3) Food costs continue to increase in 2020. The drought, weather events and the pandemic have an impact on food prices.

Additionally the 10 year Farm Aid Bill was passed in 2014 and \$8.7 Billion was cut from the federal food stamp program known as SNAP. This cut to the SNAP program has impacted our food pantry clients. The job market in this area remains challenged due to the pandemic and seasonal employment. Also, the annual Social Security/Disability cost-of-living (COLA) adjustment does not keep pace with the increases in living expenses.

FREEDOM OLD HOME WEEK COMMITTEE

For 2020 Freedom Annual Report:

The COVID-19 pandemic made it impossible for the Old Home Week Committee to schedule 2020 events, responsibly, as originally planned.

The very thing that makes this experience unique - interaction with our local community - is the thing that made it dangerous to have the events during the summer. We did not feel right asking the community to attend our events and put lives at risk by exposing participants, performers and OHW Committee members to potential outbreaks.

We appreciated everyone's support in accepting this decision as a positive one for the health and well-being of the Freedom NH Community and our guests.

Planning is under way for a safe and Covid-conscious 2021 Freedom Old Home Week celebration.

Ducky Day - Saturday, June 26th

Freedom Old Home Week - Friday, July 30th - Sunday, August 8th

For further updates and information, check out the Freedom Old Home Week website: www.freedomoldhomeweek.net. or our Facebook Page. Please contact the committee at freedomfohw@gmail.com with any questions and if you would like to be a volunteer!

Sincerely,
Freedom Old Home Week Committee

Ossipee Lake Dam Authority's Expense Report 2020

The following is a report of the expenses of the Ossipee Lake Dam Authority for the year October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2020. Figures for the split between the two towns of Freedom and Ossipee are based on the assessed equalized value of the two towns. These values are furnished by the State of New Hampshire, D.R.A. in the NH Town Comparison, Equalization Survey.

Expenditures for the Ossipee Dam Authority in 2020

2019 Equalization Assessment Value as a Percent of Expenses

Ossipee: \$800,160,213 57.18% of \$13,636.03 = \$7,797.08

Freedom: \$599,202,956 42.82% of \$13,636.03 = \$5,838.95

The percent of Ossipee and Freedom expenses are revised each year according to the NH Equalization Assessment Value in order to bring the deficit of the past year up to the beginning balance for the coming year for the Ossipee Lake Dam Authority.

The following is the list of 2020 expenses for the Ossipee Lake Dam Authority:

Eversource	\$197.27
Post Office Box	28.00
FairPoint/Consolidated	547.76
John Picard (Salary)	5,000.00
Snow Removal at the Dam	0.00 •
D.E.S. Bear Camp Gage	7,863.00
Total Expenses October 2019-September 2020	\$13,636.03

- In 2020 snow removal was provided by the construction crew for the new dam. The snow removal cost will to Freedom and Ossipee will return in 2021.

Submitted by,

Roberta MacCarthy
Secretary/Treasurer
Ossipee Lake Dam Authority
PO Box 339
Freedom, NH 03836

November 15, 2020

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

2020 was a trying and interesting year for everyone including the town. With executive orders coming from the Governor regarding stay at home and paying taxes, among others, the Board of Selectmen decided to take the cautious approach. We put projects on hold and implemented a hiring freeze until July tax bills came in so we could assess the financial impact on the town.

This affected projects approved from last year's town meeting included Article 9 road paving, Article 10 road seal coating, Article 11 road crack sealing, Article 13 reclaiming on Swett Hill Rd, and Article 14 engineering and preliminary construction of a winter sand storage building. This totaled \$256,000.

As it turned out, the taxpayers of Freedom paid their taxes at an impressive rate outpacing 2019. This allowed us to encumber the funds for these projects and move them to 2021 without impacting this year's tax rate.

As usual the next big unforeseen expense has come up in the form of the 2013 International all wheel drive dump truck used to plow in the mountains. After multiple breakdowns and a bleak outlook moving forward, we have moved the 2023 replacement up 2 years. This expense will be offset by the projects from 2020 being moved to 2021.

As everyone is aware, the Danforth Bay Bridge project is close to completion after multiple delays and complications. It is amazing how a miscalculation in location or loading during the design phase can turn a project completely upside down. As Chairman of the Board of Selectmen I would like to apologize to everyone affected by this. When we hire an engineering firm to design the project and the State of NH has engineers review the design, we "assumed" everything was good to go. That said I would like to thank the residents for their patience and understanding, the State of NH for their commitment to the project and cost sharing additional expenses, Northeast Earth Construction for their willingness and ability to deal with all the changes and challenges as they came up (including our demand that the bridge be opened ASAP and completion to happen in the spring with a lane open), Selectman Alan Fall and Town Administrator Ellen White for the endless hours spent at weekly site meetings and ensuring all changes needed were brought forth and facilitated as fast as possible.

This year with the pandemic we have experienced a large influx of residents, with people either utilizing their vacation homes for longer periods of time or just moving into them full time. This has created a strain on services. The first place we have seen this is at the Transfer Station with the amount of trash and recyclables being dropped off and subsequently hauled away dramatically increasing. Secondly, the Town Clerk's office has been affected along with the increase in demand and the complications of dealing with COVID protocols, we have been forced to increase staffing to be able to provide services in a timely fashion.

As reported last year a statistical update of property values was completed. It is with few exceptions that every property in town went up in value based on sales of comparable properties. The preliminary report from the State shows that we are currently assessing at 99.9 % which gave us a total combined (municipal, education, and county) tax rate of \$10.67. This is among the top ten lowest in the State for incorporated towns.

Managing and maintaining a low tax rate is a great thing for taxpayers and residents however, it does not come without creating additional challenges. As I am sure many of our new residents know, if you do a cost-of-living analysis of towns in the state of New Hampshire although Freedom does not have the lowest tax rate, houses here are less expensive than Newington, Rye,

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

Tuftenboro etc. This makes us very attractive to retirees which has driven up the cost of a single-family home in Freedom and is making real estate out of reach for young working-class families.

Diversity is the key to success for any community.

The Planning Board is currently working on possible solutions to increase opportunities for younger families while balancing the impact to the tax burden. Any and all input and support would be greatly appreciated.

Respectfully Submitted,
Leslie R. Babb, Chairman

**BIRTHS REGISTERED
IN THE TOWN OF FREEDOM**

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2020

<u>Date of Birth</u>	<u>Name of Child</u>	<u>Name of Father/Partner</u>	<u>Name of Mother</u>	<u>Place of Birth</u>
06/22/2020	Howard, Evelyn Elizabeth	Howard, Nathan	Downing, Brooke	North Conway, NH
07/30/2020	Deabay, Zara Beatrice	Deabay, Zachery	Deabay, Melanie	North Conway, NH
08/12/2020	Bolduc, Cole Andrew Elwyn	Bolduc, Cody	Porter, Samantha	Dover, NH
09/15/2020	Souza, Bryson Leandro	De Souza, Leandro	Leeman, Kaylee	North Conway, NH

Respectfully submitted,
A. Elizabeth Priebe, Town Clerk

**DEATHS REGISTERED
IN THE TOWN OF FREEDOM**

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2020

<u>Date of Death</u>	<u>Place of Death</u>	<u>Name of Deceased</u>	<u>Father's Name</u>	<u>Mother's Maiden Name</u>
02/23/2020	Freedom	Demore Jr, Robert Paul	Demore Sr, Robert	Shannon, Elise
02/23/2020	Merrimack	Blinn, Thomas Warren	Blinn, Warren	Delaney, Eunice
02/26/2020	North Conway	Hoyt, Robert Eaton	Hoyt, Edward	Hayden, Frances
04/25/2020	Freedom	Libby, Harold William	Libby, William	Woodman, Frances
05/05/2020	Lebanon	Catani, Richard F	Catani, Francis	Parks, Barbara
06/08/2020	Freedom	Gauley, Richard Eliot	Gauley, Robert	Wilson, Isabel
09/01/2020	Ossipee	Mcdonough, Betty M	Dunnigan, William	Darling, Bessie
09/23/2020	Freedom	Day, Ernest Fancis	Day, Frederick	Connors, Ruth
09/24/2020	Freedom	Grina, Laurie Jean	Gaquin, John	Stanley, Lorraine
10/12/2020	Freedom	Hormell, Glenn Dale	Hormell, John	Longenberger, Cora
10/21/2020	Wolfeboro	Sloboda, Frank Gary	Sloboda, Francis	Olimpio, Joyce
10/31/2020	Manchester	Waters Jr, John Gerard	Waters Sr, John	Ford, Alice

Respectfully submitted,
A. Elizabeth Priebe, Town Clerk

**MARRIAGES REGISTERED
THE TOWN OF FREEDOM**

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2020

<u>Date of Marriage</u>	<u>Name and Surname of Person A and Person B</u>	<u>Residence at time of marriage</u>
01/10/2020	Derouin, Kenneth W Brooks, Alicia A	Freedom, NH Freedom, NH
01/18/2020	Mulcahy, Christopher J Benjamin, Nicole R	Freedom, NH Freedom, NH
02/16/2020	Hedegaard, Moa A Gill, Byron C	Freedom, NH Freedom NH
06/20/2020	Hardy, Nicole M Nason Steven S	North Attleboro, MA Freedom, NH
07/05/2020	Johnson, Alexander D Gardner, Sierra L	Guilford, VT Guilford, VT
07/11/2020	Voke, Danielle P Mcintyre, Sean M	Freedom, NH Freedom, NH
09/12/2020	Davison, Kate L Eldridge, Dylan B	Freedom, NH Freedom, NH
10/19/2020	Clark, Eric T Brabant, Catherine L	Freedom, NH Freedom, NH

Respectfully submitted,
A. Elizabeth Priebe, Town Clerk

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TOWN OF FREEDOM
REQUEST FOR VOLUNTEER
APPOINTMENT TO BOARD OR COMMITTEE

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Board or Committee of interest? _____

Full Time Resident: Yes/No (circle one) Registered Voter: Yes/No (circle one)

How long have you lived in Freedom? _____

Are you able to attend monthly meetings? _____

Have you ever served on any commissions or boards? _____

If so, which ones? _____

If not, what is your background or experience pertaining to this board or committee?

Are you willing to attend classes and/or seminars to educate yourself about laws and procedures for the desired position? _____

Current clubs or organizations you are affiliated with: _____

In your own words, why do you want to serve on this board or committee and what can you contribute?

The completed form will be reviewed by the Board of Selectmen and the appropriate department(s).
The filing of this form does not assure appointment. Citizens deemed most qualified to serve in a particular capacity will be considered for all vacancies.

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

Please return this form to the Freedom Town Office or mail to:

Freedom Board of Selectmen
PO Box 227 Freedom, NH 03836

SELECTMEN

Leslie Babb, Chairman
Ernest Day, Jr.
Alan Fall

Hours:

Monday 6:30 pm
Telephone: 539-6323

TOWN OFFICE HOURS

Monday thru Thurs 8am to 3pm
Telephone: 539-6323

TOWN CLERK

A. Elizabeth Priebe

Office Hours:

Monday 1pm to 6pm
Tuesday 11am to 6pm
Wednesday 9am to 6pm
Saturday 9am to 12 noon
Telephone: 539-8269

TAX COLLECTOR

Annette Babb

Office Hours:

Monday 11am - 1pm
Wednesday 11am - 1pm
Telephone: 539-5572

ZONING OFFICER

Eric Whitehouse

Office Hours:

Thursday 9am - 2pm
Telephone 539-6323
Cell 986-0486

BUILDING CODE OFFICER

Dave Senecal

Office Hours:

Thursday 9am - 2pm
Telephone: 539-6323
Cell: 387-0866

*Meeting times and office hours
are subject to change.*

**TOWN OFFICE HOLIDAY
CLOSINGS**

Memorial Day: Mon 05/31/21
July 4: Mon 07/05/21
Labor Day: Mon 09/06/21
Columbus Day: Mon 10/11/21
Veterans Day: Thurs 11/11/21
Thanksgiving Day: Thurs 11/25/21
Christmas: Fri 12/24/21
New Years: Fri 12/31/21
Civil Rights Day: Mon 01/17/22
Presidents Day: Fri 02/21/22

**TAX COLLECTOR
HOLIDAY CLOSINGS**

Memorial Day: Mon 05/31/21
July 4: Mon 07/05/21
Labor Day: Mon 09/06/21
Columbus Day: Mon 10/11/21
Civil Rights Day: Mon 01/17/22

**TOWN CLERK
& ELECTION DAY CLOSINGS**

Town Elections: Tues 03/09/21
Town Meeting: Sat 03/13/21
Memorial Day Weekend
Sat 05/29/21 & Mon 05/31/21
July 4: Mon 07/05/21
Old Home Day: Sat 07/31/21
Labor Day Weekend
Sat 09/04/21 & Mon 09/06/21
Columbus Day Weekend
Sat 10/09/21 & Mon 10/11/21
Christmas: Sat 12/25/21
New Years Day: Sat 01/01/22
Civil Rights Day: Mon 01/17/22
President's Day: Sat 02/21/22
Town Meeting: Tues 03/08/22

**TRANSFER/RECYCLING
FACILITY**

Winter Hours:

*Begin first Wednesday in October
Wed. & Sat. 8 am to 4pm
Sunday 9am to 4pm*

Summer Hours:

*Begin first Saturday in May
Tues., Thurs., Sat. & Sun.
8am to 5pm
Telephone: 539-5364*